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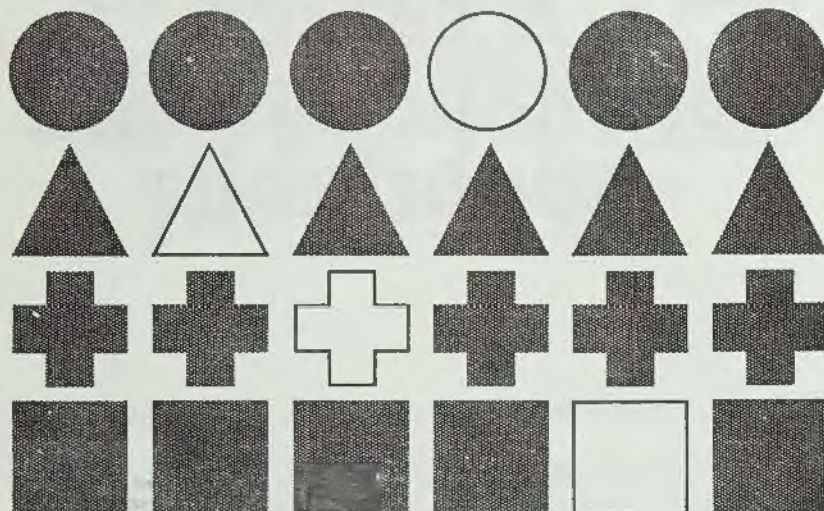
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Mr. R. Dawtrey

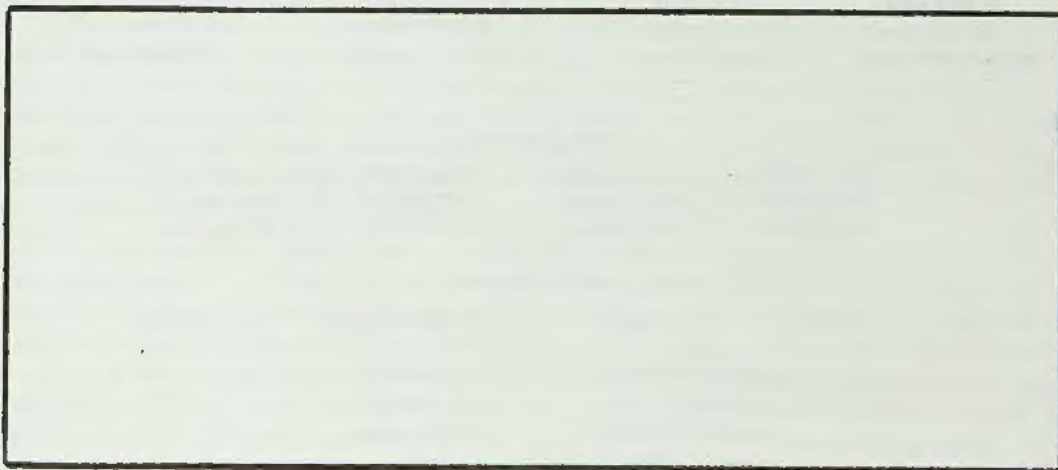
obituary

It is a very sad task for me to write this obituary notice of Roger Dawtrey who was drowned in August while on holiday with his wife and family on the Norfolk Coast.

We made our first acquaintance when he came for an interview for a post on the Science Staff in 1958. He came from I.C.I. where he held a post in their Dyestuffs Division. It became obvious that his work there did not satisfy him and he was anxious to enter the teaching profession where he could use to the full the abilities and energy he possessed, although the change would mean some sacrifice in salary. His quiet manner and obvious sincerity in wishing to enter a profession of service were impressive and although he had no previous experience of teaching, I considered him to be a man of undoubted ability and fine character and so I strongly recommended his appointment. In a short time he had established himself in the School, showing an active mind and knowledge of great perception and depth over a wide range of subjects, apart from his special study of Chemistry. He was therefore a considerable asset to the 'General Studies' groups. He entered vigorously into helping to run Cricket and Rugby Football, and often took more than his fair share of duty, but this was characteristic of the man. He also assisted in the activities of the S.S.U., chiefly in camp craft and the preparation of boys for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

His sudden and most unexpected death occurred at a time when one could say he was making a strong impact on, and a most valuable contribution to the life of the School. Nor must be forgotten his efficient work as Common Room Secretary, his organisation of staff functions and his grasp of complicated time table problems. All of us on the Science side realise the great value of his able and unstinted labours, mainly in Chemistry, and the friendship he always offered. But this capacity for work and friendship was felt by all his colleagues, who greatly benefitted from it. We remember with gratitude his devoted service to the School and, even more, the energy, humour and vitality of the man himself. We honour his memory and extend our deep sympathy to his wife and two children.

J.G.K.



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editorial

"I really think", suggested one master, "that it would be much better if the parents came in to see the classes at work, instead of having these open days once a year. I mean, it gives an unreal picture, doesn't it? People aren't normally doing all these things, like messing about with walkie-talkies or playing 'Diplomacy' or things like that. The whole thing's a bit meaningless".

This last Open Day, it can scarcely be denied, was less successful than any other in recent years. For some reason it failed to come alive, to make any unified impression of intellectual or even physical activity. With the exceptions of the Middle School and First Form plays, which are reviewed elsewhere, there were only a few exhibits that arrested the interest of the parent, who, having seen Johnny's essay on display, wished to investigate the doings of the rest of the School. Among these one must include a most impressive poetry reading carried out by members of 4'26, and a fascinating gadget in the Physics block named, for some mystic reason, 'Summit': on the insertion of a penny the machine produced a random simple arithmetical problem — if this was answered correctly within two seconds, a penny was returned, more if the answer was achieved in a shorter time. But for most of the day, one saw parents mooning about, aimlessly and somewhat sadly.

Would it be more valid to show the School at its everyday work, than to display its flights of fancy once a year (and not very high flights at that)? Of course, it would be impossible to arrange this, but one cannot help feeling that an Open Day like the last conveys neither the atmosphere of School life, nor even the inventive abilities of those who live in it, (and the latter, despite the opening statement, is surely the purpose of having such a day).

There is another, in some ways rather frightening, aspect: possibly we could not have done better. When the School first moved to Elstree, its social life was extraordinarily active. The numerous societies all had large and thriving memberships, in both the Senior and Junior Schools. But in recent years the interest in such activities seems to have been on the decline, and the vital spirit which characterized the School five years ago is, perhaps, waning. It is as if an oozy gout of apathy had sunk on certain sections of the School, and all but squashed them into passive acceptance of the status quo.

It is certainly not through lack of effort on the part of organizers that bodies like the Debating Society, the Middle School Society, and the Sixth-form Forum have not been able to reach the stature of their predecessors. This collapse of cultural activity is particularly visible in this very magazine. Some time ago it contained first-class samples of the School's poetry and prose. Now, because of the paucity of material contributed, we can scarcely make the meagre "Five Poems and a Story" worth of worthwhile literature that constituted the last issue's Originals section. Why is this? Surely the boys of this year are no different from those of any other year? They are no less capable of producing able work in any field.

The cults of 'Pseudery' and 'Anti-pseudery' have possibly done much damage in these respects — it is regarded as affected to interest oneself in cultural activities. But it is absurd that the shades of people who have now left the School should continue to have any bearing on the running of our life at Elstree. The societies and the school magazine should represent the very essence of the School — its ideas and aims — its Open Days should represent its imagination in full flight. These occasions would not be meaningless if a little more vision and enthusiasm were applied. The writer of last term's editorial held that we were here to learn — but there is more to it than that — we are here to create.

Hyperides



STAFF NOTES

I have in my notes 'begin with retirement — J.W.D.'; and it occurs to me now, as the jotting stares me in the face, insisting upon elaboration, that this may be seen to stand as much for a principle as for a fact. True, officially speaking, John Dudderidge has retired, been gifted with a fine lawn-mower, and had many tributes paid to him (most notably by the Deputy Head at an excellent staff party) but at the same time one has absolutely no sense of loss, nor even the illusion of disappearance. In short, as if to mark the second anniversary of another friend and colleague's 'retirement', he has 'done a Pask', that is to say he has retired on paper but not in person and has announced his intention of returning to school for three days in every week to continue with the teaching of chemistry, organising of S.S.U., and guidance of the Canoe Club. He can therefore be said to be continuing, and for a man as enthusiastic as Mr. Dudderidge, continuing indicates a perpetual state of beginning.

Thus the principle; the facts, which are impressive ones, can be collected as follows. Mr. Dudderidge joined the staff of Haberdashers in 1931 to take charge of the P.E. department and to teach Chemistry. In 1949 he founded the Special Service Unit, as a positive alternative to the C.C.F, since when it has gone from strength to strength, giving a variety of opportunities for boys to develop their individual interests and to realise the practical social value of what they already enjoy doing. In 1958 he became Housemaster of Calverts, helping the House safely through the big move, and 1963 saw him presented with the O.B.E. for his services to the sport of Canoeing. He had handed over the P.E. department in 1956 but only, it seemed, to become more and more active in his work with the school Canoe Club, so nobody doubted that this honour also stood for services yet to be rendered, and — at the risk of sounding repetitive — nobody would doubt it were a similar honour bestowed on him today. Thus it only remains to be ironical in wishing one of the least weary of men a happy retirement, and in welcoming him back this term.

Energy having become the theme of these notes, it seems appropriate that our senior leaver — at the end of seven school years — should be W.D. Emrys Evans. He bowed out with a fine Middle School production of scenes from Sheridan's 'The Critic', staged on both Open Days (see separate report) and has left to take up a lecturing post at the Coventry Teacher Training College. His manifold activities during, and out of, school hours have included organisation of General Studies (culminating in a highly successful Mediterranean Cruise aboard S.S. Nevasa during



Mr. J.W. Dudderidge

the Summer holidays which involved - amongst over one thousand students - the Headmaster and his wife, forty four Haberdashers sixth formers, Mr. Adams, Mr. Mole and Mr. Reynolds... and, of course, Mr. Emrys Evans, the teaching of English (sorry about that long parenthesis), drama and music. He is now going to teach people how to do all this and we wish him luck, while doubting if many of his students will do it as well. We also say farewell and wish luck to Mr. R.M. Melhuish, Mr. and Mrs. K.J. Goodson and Mr. A.J. Maber who have gone to teach in Bedford, Dorchester and the North Western Polytechnic respectively. In their place, and in other places, we welcome Mrs. S. Alderton who has joined the Modern Languages Department, Mrs. M. Snaith who will be teaching in the Preparatory School, Mr. A. Burgess, Mr. N. Gilroy-Scott, Mr. D.C. Burnham, all three of whom have joined the English Department, and Mr. G. Constantinople who has come to teach English and History in the lower school. To Mr. Burnham and Mr. Constantinople, we are in a special way 'hosts' as they are both visiting us for a year from the United States, and we hope they will enjoy their spell of 'English Teaching'.

Changes; Mr. G.C. Hickman has become the new Housemaster of Calverts, Mr. J.R. Carlton is now the senior Chemistry master, and Mr. J. Bausor has become Head of the Science School in sad and unexpected circumstances; an appreciation of Mr. Dawtrey appears elsewhere. We wish the greatest success to them. Also, Mr. J.C. Reynolds has moved into the Boarding House, and Mr. P.J. Squire has taken over from Mr. Carlton as Mr. Welbourne's assistant in the complex task of organising all G.C.E. examinations.

Congratulations to Mr. D.C. Chapallaz, Mr. A.J. Clark, and Mr. C.G. Snook on their recent marriages, and to Miss E. Jagoe (aren't all lady teachers 'Miss' to Prep. School boys?) who was married at Whitsun and is now Mrs. Souch.

What began with form has now broken down into notes, so let a few more important ones completely upset the balance. The staff has been well represented on the sports field, particularly by Mr. T.A. Bell who played regularly for Hertfordshire during the summer and was 'man of the match' when he scored a century against Berkshire. His outstanding season finally took the shape of a Gillette Cup Gold Medal and a cheque for £50. Mr. D.F.B. Wrench spent part of the Summer term and holiday oscillating between South Africa, Elstree, and The Arctic. In South Africa he wrestled with rigours of Springbok rugby and in The Arctic with isolation; but perhaps his biggest ordeal was organising his gastronomy to accommodate BILTONG and HOOSH* in such close proximity. And, back to cricket, Mr. D.I. Yeabsley played the occasional match for Devonshire during the summer holidays, and the keen staff team 'The Sundowners' played four matches, each after a hard day's teaching, and won three.

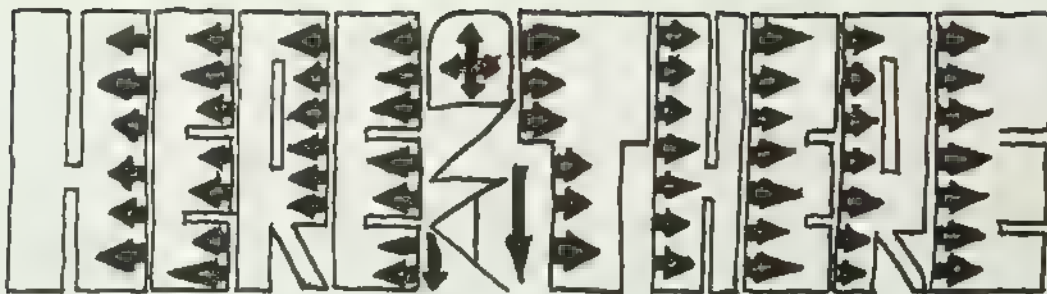
We were pleased to have visits from Messrs. Everson, Harris, Gullett, McNair, Moody (thickly bearded) and Percy. We look forward to seeing them, and many others, again.

Now, another year.

J.D.M.

BILTONG: Strips of sun-dried meat [S.Afr: "bil" (buttock) from which it is cut, and "tong" (tongue) which it looks like].

HOOSH: Arctic hotchpotch or stew.



The two Open Days were held as usual at the end of the Summer Term; no doubt the usual downpours accounted for the disappointingly low turnout. It is planned that they will be replaced next year by a fund-raising fete in aid of the Sixth-Form Centre.

The Sixth-Form Committee has continued its deliberations, and concrete evidence of its activity can be seen underneath the stairs leading to the Library, where a centralised lost property depot has been established. A second major proposal – the abolition of school uniform for 6A and 6S – has been postponed for the time being.

His Excellency The High Commissioner for Ceylon was present at a ceremony during the Spring Term which marked the twinning of Haberdashers' with Trinity College, Kandy. This is to be followed-up with exchange of students, inter-pupil correspondence, and other links.

Charity collections during the summer were as follows:

Oxfam	£25. 15. 8
Notting Hill Housing Trust	£15. 8. 10
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During the summer holidays, parties of boys under the direction of Mr. Barling undertook the voluntary task of redecorating rooms at Springbok House, the Geriatric Wing of Edgware General Hospital.

C.J. Boswell, B.J. Samuels and M.J. Caldwell were the winners in a poster design competition organised by the Metropolitan Police.

We say farewell to David Sheppard (ESU) and Emie Bevan (AFS) after a year in our midst, and welcome as their successor through the ESU scholarship scheme Steven Brawer, from Loomis School, Connecticut.

Six sixth-formers were selected to attend experimental holiday courses in the principles and practice of civic government, organised by the City of London Corporation.

In a last frantic effort to advertise the joys of science to a predominantly artistic school, the Physics Department now has women laboratory stewards in the darkroom.

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school confirmation

The School Confirmation was held on Monday, May 23rd, in The Parish Church of Elstree (St Nicholas). The rite was administered by the Bishop of Bedford (The Right Rev. John Trillo) to fifteen boys, who were presented by the School Chaplain (The Rev. J.W.H. Redfearn). In the presence of a congregation of parents, godparents, masters and friends, the candidates, individually and in turn, answered the question of the service of the Prayer Book of 1662: *Do ye here, in the presence of God, and of this congregation, renew the solemn promise and vow that was made in your name at your Baptism; ratifying and confirming the same in your own persons, and acknowledging yourselves, bound to believe, and to do all those things, which your Godfathers and Godmothers then undertook for you? — I DO.*

After this declaration there followed the essential sacrament of Confirmation, the laying of the Bishop's hands in blessing on the heads of the candidates, with the congregation kneeling in silent prayer. So the apostolic act of the first century lives in our day.

The beautiful and simple rite was aided by the dignity of the Chancel of the Parish Church, from which the School Choir led the singing of the hymns. The Director of Music (Mr. A.B.W. Taylor) played the organ.

The names of the Confirmed are: *Nigel W. Alexander, Martin L.H. Angell, D. Michael Bailey, David G. Berry, Daniel D. Clark-Lowes, John D. Coleson, Robert P.J. Duffield, Clive A. Fisher, John R. Hassan, Alexander P. Howe, Alistair B. Kelman, Philip W. Newby, Graham J. Roff, Ian G. Symons, James H. Wilson.*

floreat alauda!

The occasion of our 150th issue prompted us to browse awhile amidst the collected volumes of back copies now stored in the Library — a veritable treasure trove for the budding social historian. The earliest issue preserved appeared in 1907, and offers as a prologue the following clue to the origin of our title (often the subject of much irreverent speculation):

*Up soars the lark toward the ethereal sky,
Singing his joyful morning hymn of praise,
Thanking his Maker for the summer days,
A feathered minstrel carolling on high,
Poised betwixt heaven and earth, so that the eye
Seeks him in vain, but still his tuneful lays
Delight the ear, and men pause in their ways
To listen, having heard as they passed by.
The chosen herald of the morn is he,
And, hovering far above his humble nest,
He greets the dawn with sweetest melody.
The joy of life is strong within his breast,
And will not be restrained, but gloriously
Bursts forth in song, gladness made manifest.*

No title is offered, so how about "On a Sixth-Former in the Gallery?"

Seriously though, the pattern of contrast and continuity is striking — Prefects may no longer be resplendent in watch-chains, turned-up collars and tasselled caps, but the Editors' cry has echoed down the ages ("Haberdashers Old Boys! Where have you been lately? Awake to your duty. Only two of you sent Articles for this Number, and one of them came late" — issue No. 3). The Debating Society is seldom satisfied — its recent preference for soccer compares with a demand for rugby in 1907, in days when the round-ball was still in official use. By 1913 they were a little less parochial; 1st Prize for irony must surely go to the House which then resolved that "The Possibility of War with Germany is remote". The cover bears Robert Aske's noteworthy exhortation "Give Aid, Give Arts — Keep Time and Tune", but the comment most relished by the present writer was the timeless observation (vintage 1910) that "the Cadet Corps could not become sufficiently useful to justify its continuance".

Enough, enough! What, we can only wonder, may some successor be quoting gleefully 50 years hence?

J.E.C.

elstree through german eyes

(Editors' note: Christoph Schliack, a student from the Erich-Hoepner-Gymnasium in West Berlin, was a pupil at Haberdashers' during the Summer term of 1966. The following extracts are taken from an article comparing his experience of school life in two countries.)

As there is no Federal Ministry of Education in West Germany, responsibility for education lies entirely in the hands of the *Länder* (provincial) governments, and schools thus differ from one part of the country to another. Hence my comments apply solely to the system in my own province of West Berlin. At the age of 6 or 7, one enters an elementary school (*Grundschule*), where one remains for six years before transferring to a secondary school (*Oberschule*). This transfer is automatic, and there is no examination. The first foreign language is started in the 4th year at the *Grundschule*. If the language chosen is Latin, one transfers to a *Gymnasium*, which is not a hall for gymnastics, but a type of *Oberschule* in which the emphasis is placed on classics. My own school, the Erich-Hoepner-Gymnasium, has the reputation of being one of the three best schools in Berlin.

We attend the *Gymnasium* for seven years, and thus spend a total of thirteen years at school. The normal leaving age is 19. In most parts of the Federal Republic the form numbers begin again in the secondary school (as in England), but in West Berlin they are counted straight through from the 1st to the 13th years. In the 7th year one starts a second foreign language (English), and in the 8th one can choose whether to learn Greek as well. If one does not choose Greek, one must wait a year and then start French instead of the 9th year. For some reason, pupils choosing the "French stream" are (unofficially) regarded as inferior. Physics begins in the 8th year, and Chemistry and Biology in the 9th. In the 12th year one may drop either Physics or Chemistry/Biology, and either Music or Art.

I am in the "Greek stream", with German, Greek, Latin, English and Maths as my main subjects, of which English is the least important. As subsidiaries, I take Physics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Geography, Music, Art and PT. These are compulsory but – except for PT – nobody takes them seriously, often not even the teachers.

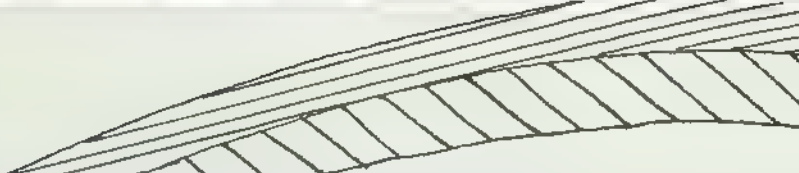
School starts at 8 am and ends at 1.20 p.m. As it finishes at midday, we have no school meals – a fact which I scarcely regret. Haberdashers' sausages, let alone custard, are not easily forgotten. Periods last 45 minutes, with breaks of 5 to 15 minutes between them. There are six periods a day from Monday to Friday, and five on Saturday when we end at 12.30. Our school is co-educational, with about 450 pupils. We have neither houses nor prefects, and the form is the only administrative unit. As we have almost no choice of subjects, and are in the same form for each, the form functions rather like a "set" in England. There is some attempt to create "form-spirit" comparable with "house-spirit at Haberdashers", e.g. through inter-form games, and form masters (who must teach a major subject to the form) have a similar job to house masters or house tutors.

There is no exam comparable with O-level, but one is held to have reached an equivalent standard after passing the 10th year. To enter a University, one takes the "Abitur" in the 13th or final year, and must pass in 6 to 8 subjects. Apart from this, there are no formal examinations, but about 8 times a year we must take written class tests in our main subjects. Our performance in these tests, together with our effort in class, determine our marks on our reports which go to parents twice a year, and our report marks determine whether or not we go up to the next form at the end of the year. The grades run from 1 (the best) to 6 (the worst). In minor subjects, the tests are set less frequently.

In the matter of homework, we have far less freedom than you in England. For foreign languages, for example, we are given a piece to translate or to read, and some words to learn for the next lesson. Failure to do so is punished by the setting of extra work (although this is technically forbidden) or by a mark in the form book. (Each form has one of these books, in which pupils' misdeeds, times late, marks in tests, and similar details are recorded). For languages, this system of homework is effective, but in other subjects (e.g. German or History) it is ridiculous, in that one is encouraged to work not for the sake of acquiring knowledge or an interest in the subject, but merely in order to pass the next test. I much prefer writing essays, as in England, where one is encouraged to think for oneself, and to work in one's own style. This is one of the contrasts between the two countries which struck me most.

Another is the "pupil-teacher relationship". It is a carefully-preserved myth at my school that such relations are cordial, and that we look upon each other as fellow-workers rather than as superiors and subjects. In practice, this is far from so. I'd like to see anyone try speaking to a master with his hands in his pockets, for instance. At Haberdashers', I was astonished to hear pupils addressing masters by their first names – in Germany this would be unthinkable. This difference is probably partly because we have nothing equivalent to prefects, and the masters and mistresses are entirely responsible for maintaining discipline. Hence they are very conscious of their dignity and always on the lookout for breaches of the rules.

Another contrast is the existence at Haberdashers' of some kind of "school patriotism" – many of you are genuinely proud to be members of it. For us, school is the place we go to from 8 to 1.30, and then leave as quickly as possible. Of course we are pleased if it wins

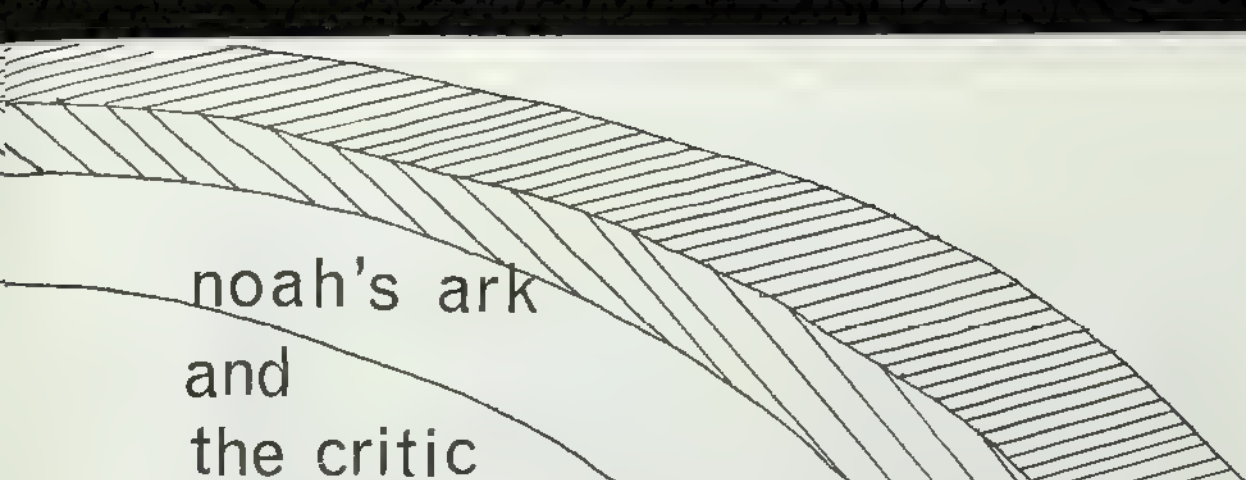


games against other schools or something of the kind, but our life is not centred on it to the same degree. There are a few voluntary societies, e.g. a Chess Club, but these are not officially encouraged. Indeed, the school has tried to prevent a beat group from appearing in public, on the grounds that it might damage its reputation. There is a school magazine, but it is small, costly, and heavily censored. Games, which contribute greatly to "school spirit" in England, are much less important to us. School uniform, of course, is a big contrast. Nothing of the kind exists in West Germany, although there have been a few attempts to introduce it voluntarily. Whether or not uniforms are desirable, optional uniforms are obviously less than useless.

The masters and mistresses, too, are not really interested in the school. They come for 45 minutes to give out information, but then their job is finished, and they take no personal interest in their pupils. We depend on them for good marks on our reports, and therefore we must behave reasonably towards them; apart from this, they might as well be computers. One of the best of them has referred to us as "material" for him to work on, and clearly we are not regarded as responsible individuals.

Old Boys Clubs must also contribute to "school spirit" (or do they result from it?). Few of our schools have one. We have the "Association of Friends of the Erich-Hoepner-Gymnasium", with about 400 members, of whom 100 are ex-pupils. The rest are merely temporary members, being the parents of boys and girls currently attending the school, and don't take it very seriously.

This is not an objective examination of two school systems, merely a few subjective impressions, but I hope that some of it may be of interest. May I conclude by thanking all those masters and fellow-students who helped to make my stay at 'Iaberdashers' so enjoyable.



noah's ark and the critic

The phrases 'First Form Play' and 'Middle School Play' indicate to most people, judging by the poor attendance, something less than the acting cream of the School, but I found in the two playlets performed examples of a type of acting it is difficult to find higher up the School. The first-formers were entirely uninhibited on stage, submitting without any embarrassment to women's parts and animals'. All threw themselves into the difficult medium of a mediaeval morality play with admirable zest.

Particularly enjoyable was the way every part of the play bore the stamp of the boys themselves. The background music being composed, played, and sung by Howard Pinkerfield; the make-shift costumes, with school socks showing under a sister's worn-out clothes; and the involvement of all members of the form in the play made a great contribution to the production's individuality. A distinctive quality was the clear enunciation of the whole cast. Mumbling has been the blight of many a professional production, and it was good to see these young actors showing up some of their elders. To apply the term 'First Form Play' to this production seemed almost like a slur. I enjoyed it immensely.

Those who saw the Middle School Play and had any dull preconceptions about that proved wrong as well. In the play "The Critic", Sheridan satirizes certain aspects of drama by taking them to great extremes. The would-be playwright, Mr. Puff, conducts a rehearsal of his own play, "The Spanish Armada" (and thus the audience has the unusual spectacle of actors on a stage watching a play). He and two friends, Messrs. Sneer and Dangle, interrupt from time to time with criticisms that strike to the quick of dramatic convention. Certain features of Shakespearian acting were mimicked with great skill: for example, the loser of the swordfight being stabbed very unsubtly between arm and body, and Gavin Wilson's dying with an unfinished sentence on his lips, (suspiciously resembling Bernard Seal's death of Hotspur in "Henry IV"). The stentorian declamation of John Landers reminded one cleverly of the boys who "tear a passion to tatters" in school plays, and Richard Goodban's Tilburina with her frigidity aptly satirized the way women's parts are played by boys. The comedy throughout was good clean slapstick, and the ending exquisite: I shall long cherish the picture of Britannia coughing her lungs out in a barrage of explosions while "Rule Britannia" was being played. Thanks must go to the producers of these two plays, Mr. Mole and Mr. Emrys Evans, for laying out for those of us who ventured to the Hall this veritable dramatic feast.

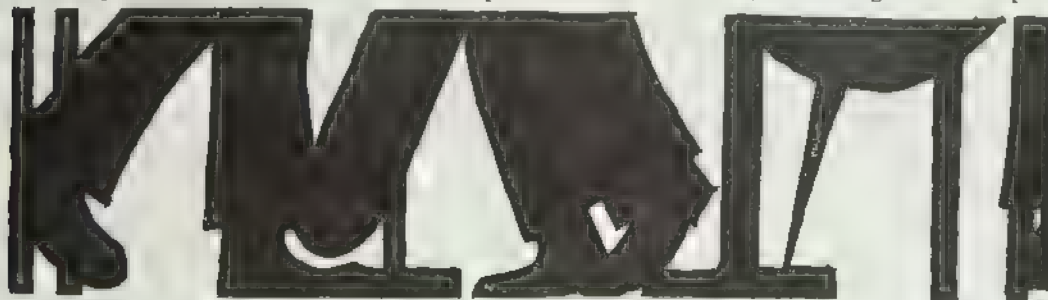
Richard Evans.



school concert

It is flattering to find that generations of 'Skylark' reviewers have at last been heeded. This year neither the cumbersome Junior Concert, with its myriads of waist-high potential prodigies spending more time lowering the piano stool than playing their party pieces, nor the traditionally badly-attended Senior Concert, was held as such. Instead, a digestible and well-balanced programme was painstakingly produced under the non-committal title of "School Concert". It was by no means without blemishes, but the unforced informality and the obvious care taken over the choice and rehearsal of the programme helped to achieve a standard that made this year's concert more than a success. The attendance was not phenomenal and in terms of the proportion of the school present, it was profoundly discouraging, but the mother who spent last year's Junior Concert teaching her infant daughters how to make rabbits out of handkerchiefs, and the father who embarrassed his son by stage-whispering "Bassoon?" during every oboe solo at the Senior Concert appeared, mercifully, to have stayed at home.

The concert began, aptly enough, with a fanfare from the Senior Brass Ensemble. The group is easily capable of competent and musical performances of fanfares and early Baroque music, but the choice of an arrangement of the Triumphal March from "Aida" as its third piece was questionable in its suitability. The lengthy March is usually performed as background music to a majestic pageant of the Egyptian Army crowding onto a vast stage, and obviously does not lend itself to concert performances. Moreover, the arrangement was poor



and obvious, with heavy horns given an uninterrupted part that was bound to lead to the woolly sound of exhausted embouchoures. With the lively music of Venice or the Tyrol this Ensemble is ideal, but many of the audience felt it had wasted much effort in an efficient, but inappropriate performance.

Nearly every member of the School in the Hall had already heard David Trafford practising

Mozart's A Minor Sonata during lunchtimes, and it was evident that he had over-practised. His playing demonstrated the unbelievable dexterity that everyone loves to watch, but the fast progressions became rather mechanical. It was a good performance by school standards, but the musical lilt of occasional phrases hinted that the player was capable of an excellent performance by any standard.

Listeners enthuse so often about the superlative quality of the School's choral performances that it would be superfluous to give a verdict on the performance of Moeran's "Songs of Springtime". The small group had an exact control over the songs, and the tenors, the one section that had justified criticism in the past, were surprisingly confident in a range unattainable by most Senior School voices. The choice of music, modern but acceptable to an amateur audience, unambitious but adequate for the group to show its ability was considerate and sensible.

Expressions of condescending distaste greeted the Jazz Group as they mounted the stage to introduce to a conservative gathering a musical movement that is largely ignored, totally without justification. The performance - of "Basin St. Blues" - proved that they had not been included as a reluctant gesture to attract more members of the school, but as a group whose ensemble and control matched any chamber group the School could produce.

Mozart's Serenade for thirteen wind instruments is difficult enough to control when played with the prescribed instrumentation. With two clarinets pretending to be basset-horns and two others squeaking horn parts transposed an octave, the delicacy of the ensemble becomes precarious, if not explosive. The school performance was exactly what Everyman must imagine as a typical school "brave show". It was run through patiently and rather apologetically with an incongruous string bass and an emergency-imported bassoon thudding a safe foundation for the construction. The playing did little justice to a woodwind section that can provide the most reliable and accurate ensemble in more favourable circumstances. If this disappointed criticism is too severe, it is a compliment to the usual standard of this section.

This year's performance of Bach's third "Brandenburg" Concerto surely marks the coming-of-age of the string section. For the first time, the section overcame the unwilling acoustics of the Hall and filled it almost visibly with glorious unison phrases from the violins. The better violinists had wisely been sprinkled throughout the violin sections, preventing the one-sided inauspicious moments that marred previous string productions. This was, without doubt, the triumph of the evening.

Both the Junior Orchestra and the Junior Brass Ensemble played ambitious pieces at the expense of much dynamic interest and reasonable intonation. The brass section seemed to hold the Orchestra together with some strident playing in Mathias's Serenade for small orchestra, but in the Brass Ensemble the trumpets seemed retiring and there was a noticeable predominance of the middle parts. Taking age into consideration, both groups were enjoyable and interesting, though an audience which has had such a magnificent performance of Bach's music tends to forget that age must be considered with these groups.

The "controversial" Brass Group is well capable, on unfortunate occasions, of playing Gabrieli so it is indistinguishable from Shoenberg. On this occasion, happily, it made some very lively Gabrieli sound like very lively Gabrieli. When this group is at its best, it is evident that the members have been together as a group for a long time, and it is regrettable that a few more musicians do not form similar permanent groups.

What amazes most people about organ-playing is how one person can control such a mighty creature David Firman somehow manages to look the part, as well as playing with perfect control over the master at his fingertips and toetips. The lack of self-consciousness with which he triggered out stops without a glance at them would have convinced a deaf onlooker that he was choosing the ideal registration. The pieces he chose, both modern, may have been regarded as taxing his audience, but most listeners recognised that it was wise to sacrifice nothing in choosing pieces which could show what the organ, and he, could do.

The school harpsichord was finished at two o'clock on the morning of the concert and presented to the world with great ceremony near the end of the concert. The audience may have expected Bach's Chromatic Fantasia and Figure, but Mr. Taylor had wisely decided that Byrd's "Earl of Salisbury's Pavane" was about all the delicate baby could take at its first sitting, and this entertaining titbit, played by Stephen Lodder, was sufficient to demonstrate the complete range of registrations on the instrument.

The evening ended perfectly with the massed first forms singing Three Hungarian Folk Songs by Leiber. The tone of the piano seemed rather insipid after the glittering of the harpsichord, but the natural and vivacious singing, culminating in a tremendous shout, provided the concert with the final gaiety that such a success merited. There had been faults in the programme, but the evening had never dragged. It had been entertaining and well worth listening to throughout, and the string section had entered a new era.

J.M.N.L.

soldiering in skye

A party of 2 officers, 4 N.C.O.'s and two cadets departed from school on Saturday September 10th by minibus bound for Skye. After two nights under canvas at Kendal and Fort William, Skye was reached by ferry on the Monday.

The party was to act as a pathfinder group for possible future Easter arduous training camps on Skye and was to operate from a base camp at Broadford for two days, and later move to the other side of the Island.

On Tuesday we set out along the south coast of the island for Loch Corvisk only to find that some stepping stones mentioned in our guide book did not exist, forcing us to turn back.

We had intended to walk through the Cullin Hills on Wednesday but this was ruled out by bad weather and Wednesday and Thursday we toured the island by minibus.

The return journey began on Friday Sept. 16th and the night was spent at Stirling. After an early beginning the following morning we were able to get back to school a day earlier than expected.

In conclusion it was decided that although more suitable than Norway and Northern Ireland, Skye was less suitable for an arduous training camp than Snowdonia or the Lake District. We would all like to thank Mr. Welbourne, who drove the minibus and cooked the food, and Mr. Hewson who organized the expedition.

Michael Hurley
Nicholas Blessley

an atheling abroad

This year I was selected to travel to Canada as a member of the Great Britain Cadet Rifle Team. There were sixteen cadets in the team, selected from school cadet contingents throughout the country.

This visit is an annual event and is sponsored by the Imperial Cadet Association. The team reciprocates the annual visit of the Canadian Cadets Rifle Team at Bisley.

The main purpose of the trip was to compete in the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Annual Meeting, the highlight being the match against the Canadian Cadets Team for the Michael Faraday Cup.

We left London Airport by V.C.10 on 27th July, and after staying overnight in Montreal, we travelled on by coach to Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, the following day. After another day spent resting, trying to catch up on the five hours sleep lost crossing the Atlantic, we started the seven days of intensive shooting. The conditions at Connaught were very exhausting (high temperatures and high humidity), but this only seemed to have a beneficial effect on our shooting! Members of the Imperial Cadet Team ("Athelings") carried away most of the top prizes in the cadet competitions, and were also well placed in the 'open' competitions, open to anyone under twenty-one years of age. Ian Mathews of Epsom School was first and I was second. All prize money won by the Athelings was divided out equally amongst the sixteen. This year the Athelings amassed a record amount of \$560 between them. In the Michael Faraday Competition the Athelings beat the Canadian Cadets by six points only, with a record score of 760 points ex 800.

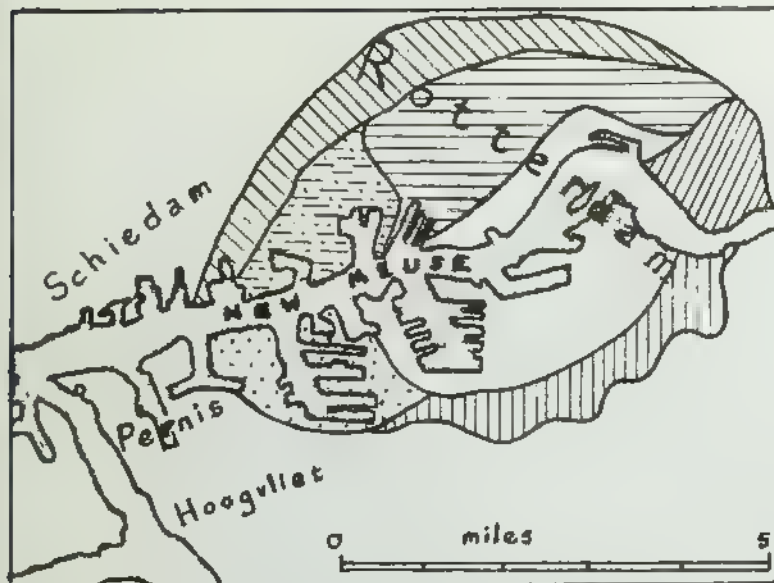
Throughout the week of shooting Athelings appeared regularly in the prize lists, and undoubtedly this was the most successful Athelings team to visit Canada.

After the shooting had finished we went sight-seeing in Ottawa, where we saw the Changing of the Guard, Houses of Parliament, the Mint, the "Mounties" training barracks, and many other places of interest. From Ottawa we travelled to Camp Petawawa, where we spent a few days fishing, swimming and riding. From Petawawa we travelled back to Montreal where we had a very enjoyable time. We had a very interesting theatre visit and also watched a very exciting "drag-car" race meeting. Finally we embarked from Montreal on August 16th, on the Canadian Pacific flagship, "Empress of Canada". The seven day cruise home was tremendous fun, as one can well imagine! We arrived in London to an enthusiastic reception on Tuesday 23rd August, having travelled over six thousand miles.

In conclusion I must say that this trip could not have been so successful if it had not been for the great friendliness and hospitality extended to us by the Canadians with whom we came into contact.

I am the first Haberdasher to become an Atheling, and I hope that I will be the first of many. This trip has been a marvellous end to my days at school and to all of you still at School I can only say that this trip is a tremendous opportunity that one would be foolish to miss.

Nigel Cooper.



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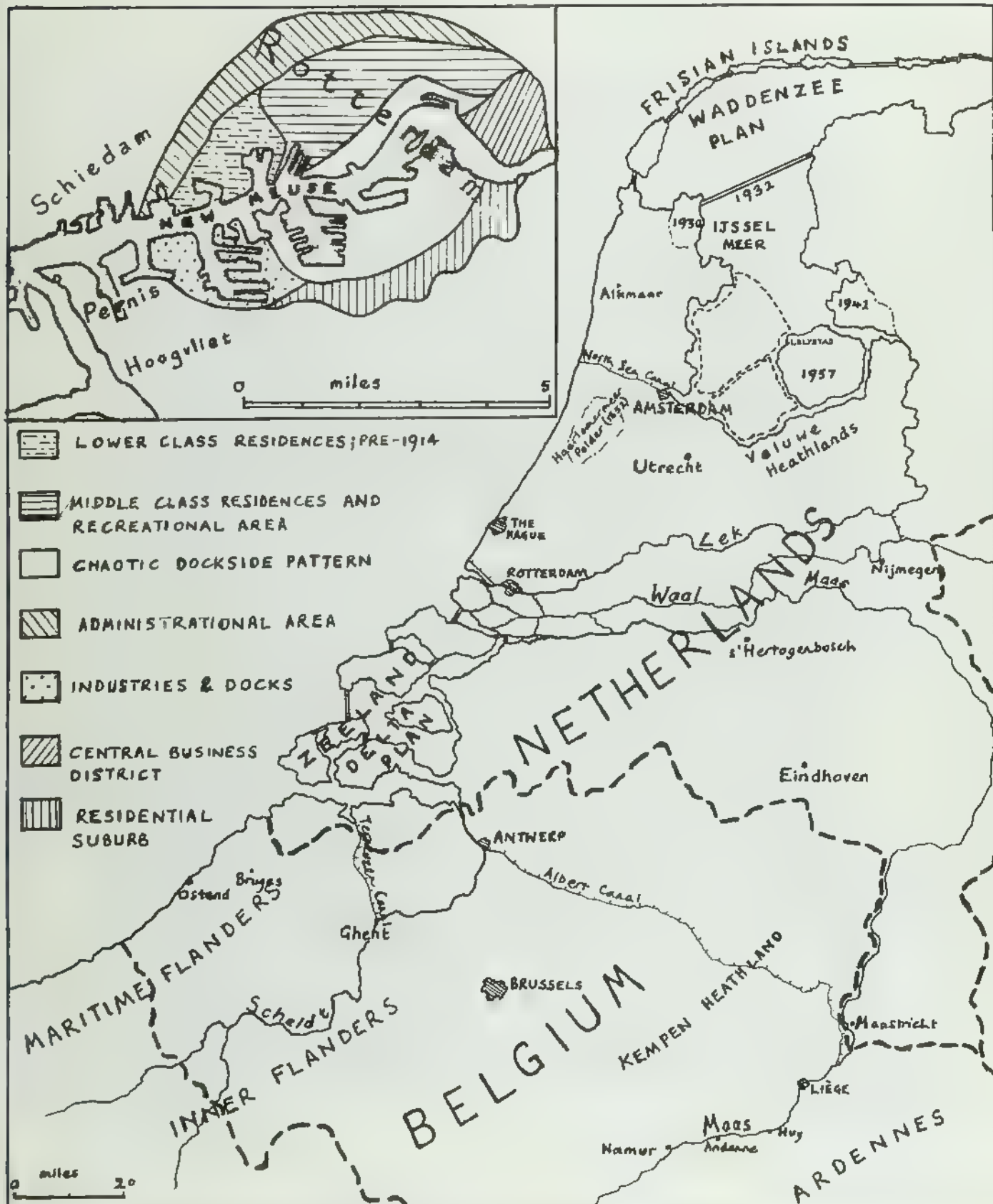
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Introduction

The purpose of this Easter 1966 Field Trip to the Low Countries was to make a geographical survey of the Netherlands and Belgium in order to appreciate the environment, problems and achievements of the countries. Since the group had much ground to cover there was little time for detailed studies of certain regions, and more emphasis was placed on the observation of the changing landscape. Relevant comments were made by Messrs. Rolfe, Reynolds and Chapallaz, the three leaders of the field-trip.

The coach made its way from Calais, across Maritime Flanders to Brussels and northwards to Utrecht and Amsterdam. It then drove farther north to Den Oever, and to Alkmaar and Aalsmeer. A trip was made to the IJssel Meer to see the progress of the reclamation work. Finally, the itinerary included a three days' stay at Rotterdam, before the return home.

The following essays are the result of the assimilation of material extracted from notebooks which were compiled during the journey and they cover a large proportion of the work completed in the fortnight's excursion.

Regionalism in Belgium

All geographical areas may be demarcated politically and occasionally linguistically, and Belgium is no exception. The most interesting and rewarding method of studying the country, however, is by observing the regional differences, which, in Belgium, are very marked. The purpose of regionalism is to study several areas, each of which has an individual combination of valuable characteristics distinguishing it from others, but certain features common with another.

The coastline between Calais and the Scheldt estuary is characterized by a natural barrier of sand-dunes, behind which are settlements well protected from the ferocity of North Sea storms. Apart from their protective purpose, these dunes have little economic value; some attempts have been made at utilising them for agriculture and settlement, but the dunes are useless, although the popular tourist resorts of Ostend and Blankenberge are situated amongst them.

Travelling inland from this belt of dunes one enters a strip of Polderland, which, together with the dunes, constitutes the region known as Maritime Flanders. These polders give rise to a flat, open countryside, and the principal crops of wheat, barley and potatoes are grown in the rich, dark marine soils. In the sugar beet fields farther east, much of the water running off the Artois chalk hills in the south-west is left on the surface, leaving a poor impression of the drainage. This, however, improves eastwards, probably because of the efficiency of the syndicates which control the agriculture. These syndicates prefer livestock to crop-farming, and there is much evidence of pig- and cattle-rearing. The farms are large and prosperous concerns, especially nearer the towns of Bruges and Ghent in Inner Flanders, and they contrast with the important chemical and shipbuilding industries situated on the banks of the River Scheldt and Temeuzen Canal.

Towards Brussels, a predominant area of land is given over to market gardening, and the sandy soils help this considerably. In Brussels itself there has recently been much movement from the city centre into multi-storeyed flats in the suburbs. A complex system of motorways arranged in concentric circles at one, three and five miles from the centre has also been constructed.

South-east of Brussels one passes out of Flanders. The soil becomes noticeably darker and very valuable agriculturally. It is known as "limon", and deposits of this fine, wind-blown silt are often seventy feet thick, thus masking the solid geology.

The river Meuse joins the Sambre at Namur to form the third region in Belgium, known as the "Sambre-Meuse Trough". The importance of the Meuse to the Belgian economy is incalculable, for it is along the banks of the Meuse that the country's major iron and steel industries are situated. Sizeable towns, notably Namur, Huy, Andenne and Liège have been built up around these industries, and as well as housing numbers of industrial workers they serve as administrative centres for the industries.

After the war of 1914-18 the output of coal in this Sambre-Meuse field gradually stagnated, and metallurgical, chemical and electrical plants were set up, together with integrated iron and steel works around Charleroi and Liège. This narrow strip of Belgium is, then, without doubt the country's chief industrial area. Recently, bleak stretches of the Kempen heathland have been transformed into major industrial sites, which now produce 45 per cent of Belgium's coal, for it has become a necessity to uncover new coalfields, as the output of the Sambre-Meuse field has slowed. The progress of the Kempen coalfield was greatly enhanced by the construction of the Albert canal, opened in 1940; this canal serves as a link between both Kempen and Sambre-Meuse industrial areas, and Antwerp.

Belgium can hardly be called a "Power", although it has tried, through the Benelux economic union, the 1958 Great Exhibition and the E.E.C. to establish itself as an influential nation. It has many internal problems to solve, notably the rivalry between the Walloon and Flemish elements, before mounting the European political platform.

A. Gatrell.

Reclamation in the Netherlands

"If there were no dunes or dikes to protect the Netherlands against encroachments of the sea and rivers, 6,603 square miles would be subject to flooding at the tide-level caused by storms".

It is this startling fact which is most puzzling and interesting to the foreigner in the Netherlands especially when he realizes that such wellknown cities as Amsterdam, Rotterdam and the Hague are below sea-level. How the Dutch have forced back the sea is less well known.

Some of the earlier inhabitants lived on artificial mounds called terps, and after joining them together by dikes, drained the land between them by gravity and sluices. The invention of the windmill enabled small areas below sea-level to be drained, and larger areas in the 17th Century with the aid of the revolving-cap windmill. Since then the steam engine has been used to drain large areas, like the Haarlemmermeer, south-west of Amsterdam and diesel and electric pumps now replace the less efficient earlier methods of keeping the land dry.

Much of North and South Holland and Zeeland was originally lake, but the old schemes were small compared with those of the Zuyder Zee, Rhine Delta and Wadden Zee plans. The first of these involved the construction of an enclosing dyke-completed in 1932 - and five polders totalling 546,000 acres. This will add 7% more dry land to the Netherlands and 10% more agricultural land when the two final polders are finished in about 1980 at a cost of £550 an acre.

The Rhine Delta scheme will prevent floods as disastrous as those of 1953 and reclaim much land now being lost to farming by salt-saturation. The Wadden Zee scheme will connect the Frisian Islands to reclaim the mud-flats between them and the mainland and shorten the outermost sea defences still further.

The difficulties are immense; for instance a dam 3,630 ft wide and 132 ft deep at its largest will be built in the East Scheldt, in other places currents over 8 knots are common, salt saturation is a constant menace on the newly reclaimed polders, water tables must be preserved to allow for drainage and navigation must be protected. Compensation for fishing communities affected must be paid too.

Nevertheless the benefits are considerable. The population has increased rapidly, especially since the loss of the emigrant - attracting East Indies in 1949, and more land is needed to replace that lost to housing and industry as living standards rise in one of Europe's most densely-populated countries. The sea-defences are being shortened and improved to guard against recurrence of 1953's disaster when 1800 people died and £200,000,000 damage was done. Communications are improved by construction of motorways along the new dykes and newly created lakes provide supplies of fresh water and much needed recreational facilities for Dutch and foreign tourists.

Less spectacular schemes of reclamation are in progress along the river valleys to produce riverine polders. In the Veluwe region south east of Amsterdam, large pine forests have replaced sterile sandy heathlands.

By enormous effort in every direction, capital from trade and Empire, the Dutch have doubled the effective size of their country and produced enough reclamation experts to advise any other country which has similar problems.

M.J. Webb.

The Urban Regions of Rotterdam

You are a slave - a slave to certain geographical forces governing every aspect of location and movement taking place in the course of your life. The object of this part of the field trip to the Netherlands was to discover the nature and extent of the slavery of the population of Rotterdam.

In a market economy there exist certain centripetal and centrifugal tendencies that combine to produce a recognizable urban structure, developing in the growth from a pre-urban nucleus through a town or urban status to a conurbation. There can be no clear cut division between these stages. This essay will concentrate on the growth from a town of urban status to a conurbation.

In the case of Rotterdam the pre-urban nucleus was the small landing stage and docks on the deep outside curve of a meander in the River Maas (Meuse) some 15 miles from where

the river enters the sea. With the primary function of a port, Rotterdam grew slowly, gaining urban status in the first half of the 14th century.

Leaving the town of the 14th and 15th century, with its population of about 5,000 and its place as Holland's second most important port, one must jump to the 18th century, by which time the population had risen to almost 50,000. The town had grown out from the dock area and there was now some settlement on the south bank of the river. But there was still a very close relationship between the new parts of the town and the old centre – the centre was the part of the town that everyone went to. The docks were there and so the merchants had to be there also. They were willing to pay more for their central site and so trade moved in and residence moved out, the result of the centripetal and centrifugal tendencies present in a town under the pressure of congestion and where a market economy which assigns land to the highest bidder, operates. Thus a more or less annular pattern was evolved, with a core, comprising both the oldest part of the town and the central business district (C.B.D.), and a surrounding integument of residence. Whilst there were certainly distortions of this concentric-zone model, for instance the far more rapid expansion of the town north of the Meuse, nevertheless each inner zone extended by colonization of the next outer zone and therefore radial expansion was the dominant process in shaping the pattern of the city area.

But the coming of the Industrial Revolution and the opening of the Nieuwe Waterweg in 1872 linking Rotterdam with the rapidly developing Ruhr, initiated a phase of rapid growth in the population and size of Rotterdam. The population rose from 50,000 in 1800 to 100,000 in 1857 and 330,000 in 1900. The present population numbers 730,000. New harbours were built and Rotterdam extended seaward. The best approach to the structure that then developed is the sector model, where areas tend to grow outwards along distinct radii with new growth on the outer arc of a sector tending to reproduce the character of earlier growth in that sector. This sector model is not merely an acknowledgement of the distortion present in the concentric-zone model, but a complete change of emphasis. Instead of growth from a centre, it is growth from a base line radiating from the centre. In the case of Rotterdam, the base lines were the Meuse, the canals and the railway.

As Rotterdam grew larger still, it engulfed outlying villages. These now become small nuclei within the field of the much larger central nucleus and thus instead of a uni-nuclear town Rotterdam became a polynuclear city, with these small cores becoming C.B.D.'s in their own right. As Southall, Harrow and Edgware are to London, so Pernis, Overschie and Schiedam are to Rotterdam.

Present day Rotterdam is the world's largest port, having passed New York in 1962 in terms of tonnage handled. Vast areas are already given over to port facilities and the development of Botlek-Europoort ensures Rotterdam's place as the world's largest port well into the 21st century. After the almost total destruction of the old town centre in May, 1941, a new town centre was built, with intense regional specialization over and above the exclusion of residential and industrial functions. Rotterdam is indeed a city of the future.

David Baker.

THE HOUSES

CALVERTS

Many people believe that house reports serve no useful purpose. After all, who reads them anyway? They are just one of the school's traditions that must be maintained, even though they may more often than not remain unread. Every year the same themes are harped on, namely house spirit and how the thoughtlessness of one boy can undo all the good work of another.

This, I hope, will not read like an appeal to your sense of house spirit. It is not intended to. It is written for the old boys of the house who like to turn the years back and see how their particular house is faring. Consequently no individual names will be mentioned as they will mean nothing to the majority of the readers, and as no one individual stands out from the others.

Here are the facts: In the sporting field the two main events have been the cricket and the athletics competitions. Unfortunately the house could only manage 5th place in the senior cricket, losing a very close game with Hendersons, the eventual winners, by 6 runs, and 4th and 5th place in the junior and senior athletics respectively.

Academically, the results were much better. In the senior Work and Conduct we finished 4th, and the younger members of the house excelled themselves and in the process showed up their elders by winning the Junior Work and Conduct.

When these juniors graduate into the higher forms the house can hope for much more successful times.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Dudderidge who retired as Senior House Master at the end of the summer term. Not only has he always taken a great interest in house events and activities, but he has also been almost solely responsible for the efficient and smooth running of the house organisation.

Mr. Hickman takes over as House Master and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck with his house duties, and hope he can combine them successfully with his life in the woodwork shop.

A.J.K. Garland.
(House Captain)

HENDERSONS

A typical house report starts "The house has had a good/average/disappointing year". So it shall be - The house has had a good year.

A house is a collection of individuals combining to form a team and I think that the team spirit shown in every house team has been most encouraging.

The sports results this term have been good. The cricket team managed to win the house competition with the last ball of the match. The tennis team won the tennis cup for the fourth time in five years.

Many people believe that a house system at this school is ridiculous and ought to be abolished. I do not agree with this but I do think that the house must be modified to fit the requirements of its members. I consider that the most important function of a house is to provide an avenue of communication between senior and junior members of the school and the present system fills that roll quite adequately. As house captain I have never called for "house spirit" because I know full well no such thing exists. There is no loyalty to the house itself - but there is a great deal of loyalty between its members. This loyalty - not to an abstract principle but to one's colleagues - is the justification of a house system.

*K. Robinson.
(House Captain)*

JOBLINGS

Once more the Trophy Cabinet in the Joblings room remains pointedly bare of silver shields and cups. However, even though the lack of trophies is disappointing, the efforts of individuals have been encouraging.

In this respect our position of 3rd in the Swimming Competition was largely due to the contribution of Donmall and Govas, who not only provided the backbone of the team itself, but also "persuaded" other members of the House to attain Swimming Standards, thus enabling us to reach 2nd. position in this section.

Other sporting events have not been so enthusiastically supported, and our victories in the Rugby XV's and the Basketball Competition earlier in the year remain our only ones. In the Cross Country the Senior section came 6th., mainly due to a very poor turnout for the practices and for the race itself. In this event the 3rd. Form set an example to the House by coming 1st., showing that with a little enthusiasm and guts, a relatively undistinguished team can make a mark. In Cricket, the House was hampered by an overall lack of talent, and it was not surprising that we only reached 4th. position.

The results in the Athletics do not bear witness to the many hours of work Mr. Browning put into choosing the teams, as the Senior side came 6th. However the achievements of our Colts, Ahmen and Edelman K., redeemed the failure of the Seniors, and our Juniors came a good 2nd. The retention of the Hewitt Cup for Personal Survival was a cheering compensation.

Our position in the Work and Conduct Cup has suffered, due not to a lack of plus points but to an inexcusable total of minus ones, many of which could have been avoided. Those individuals who have contributed most to the House can be seen from the positions in the Lamki Shield, and we should like to congratulate Donmall on wresting the 1st. place from

Dennis. House ties (based on the Shield) have been awarded this term to Ahmed, Argles, and Wall, all of the Middle School.

We should like to thank Lockhart, our Captain, and Dymond, our painstaking Recorder, for their invaluable work in the day-to-day running of the House, and finally, our sincere thanks to Mr. Browning for all the work he has done for the House this term. Without his enthusiasm and guidance the House would certainly be a less happy and unified group.

M.P. Rouse.
(Vice-Captain)

MEADOWS

"The great ancient civilisations were destroyed by imported barbarians — England breeds her own."

Luckily none of these barbarians seems to have infiltrated into Meadows, and it is the responsible attitude found in all sections of the house that has put Meadows in the position of Top House at the end of the School year.

Although outstanding performances have been few, the all-round efforts of the house have led to the winning of both the Dunton and the Crossman Shields.

I thank Maislish and Rinsler for their work in leading the house, and Mr. Carrington for his ever-present guidance. Above all, however, I thank the boys, each and every one, for their contribution in making this year, for me at least, a memorable one. They are the ones to whom praise is due; the success is theirs and they deserve it. In directing this tribute to the boys in Meadows, I had no choice — I could do no other.

John Pearson.
(House Captain)

RUSSELLS

After a disastrous Spring Term in which a lack of effort was matched by an equal lack of achievement, and the house reached its lowest ebb for many years, there has been a concerted effort this term by many — if not all — to regain the former high standard. At the moment, work and conduct are still bad and improvement in this field of house activity must be realised in the near future.

On the sporting side, Russells has reached new heights and something of the old house spirit has been unearthed. The great team spirit of the Athletics team in gaining the shield made a sharp contrast with the apathy displayed by the Swimming team in the previous term. Richard Browne and Derek Woolerton won the Fives competition and the Cricket team reached second place to augment the general run of sporting successes in the major competitions.

Russells has proved itself to be one of the most efficiently run houses, particularly over dinner arrangements, and all house prefects and sub-prefects have carried out the necessary duties very well.

We still rely almost entirely on the few individuals, Abrehart, Woolerton and Phipps making a core around which enthusiasm is centred. There is still room for improvement but this term has certainly shown signs of progress.

K.G. Cresswell.
(Vice-Captain)

STROUTS

The writer of last years' "Skylark" report exhorted the house "not to let its efforts decline". This seems a little unfair if not ironic, as we had just won both the Dunton and Crossman Shields for the first time. This year we have taken second place in both competitions.

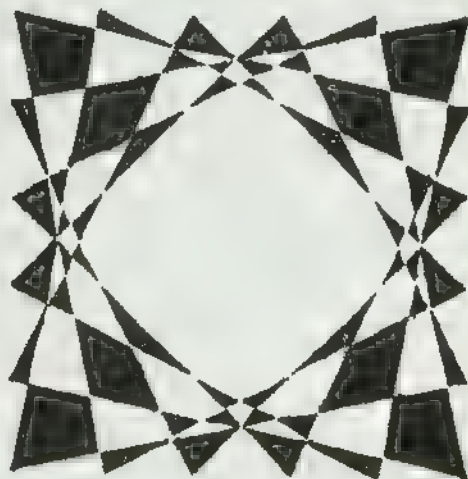
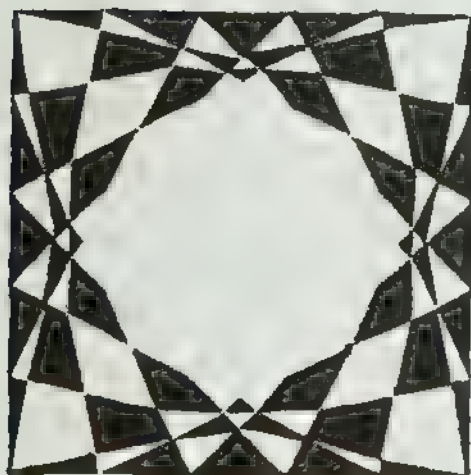
Why? Firstly because we came fifth or sixth in the ruggar competitions instead of first, and secondly because in other competitions as well we were unable to keep up our record of not taking any place lower than fourth.

We were most successful this year in shooting, middle school and junior cricket, lower school athletics, junior cross-country, the swimming standards competition and the Macauliffe cup for senior athletics standards, in all of which we took first place. The last two results are particularly satisfying as they reflect the efforts of a large proportion of the house members.

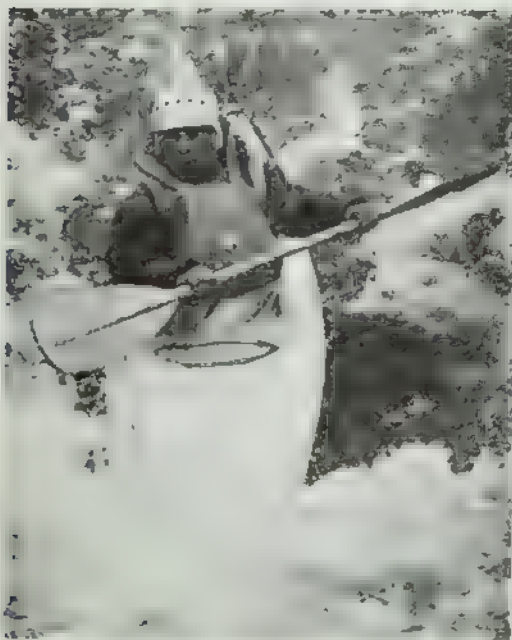
In the field of work and conduct we had a similar record to last year's. We succeeded in collecting the most plus points and only four of the thirty-nine sets of Prefects' Lines set this term were given to Strouts boys (unfortunately this does not affect our conduct points) To offset this we had a large number of detentions — only Russells had more.

We are very grateful to Mr. Dodds and Mr. Wood, both of whom have been in charge of the house during the year, and who have maintained a pleasant informal atmosphere in the house, and kept in personal contact with its members. In this sense, in particular, the house is a great success.

Paul Edwards
(House Recorder)



or on the rough water below the sluices of a weir. The Thames courses are of the latter type. The obstacle course consists of a series of pairs of striped poles hung above the water forming "Gates" through which the canoeist has to pass in a certain order. The gates are four feet wide and must not be touched by canoe or canoeist otherwise penalties of up to 100 seconds may be incurred. The competitors time over the course is taken in seconds and his total penalties are added to this figure. The canoeist with the smallest total in seconds is the winner. Thus it can be seen that it is most important to avoid penalties. Slaloms are national competitions and competitors travel to them from all parts of the country. The majority are adults who belong to "open" clubs. A competitor starts in a Novices division and as he improves he moves up through the 4th., 3rd. 2nd. to the 1st division by a system of promotion. Canoeists are drawn from the 1st. Division to represent Great Britain in international events. The School club, after two seasons in competition, has two members in the 3rd. Division, about ten in the 4th., and two Old Boys in the 2nd.



Competitions: 1966

April 18th At Shepperton. Two entries in 3rd. Division. The course very tough owing to high water.

April 22nd. Shepperton. Division 2 and 3. P.A.W. Edwards 11th. in Div. 3 and Mike Hillyard 5th. in Div. 2.

May 1st. Bransford on Teme. P.A.W. Edwards 5th. in Div.3 and our "A" Team came 5th. out of 22 teams.

May 8th. Shepperton. A Division 4 and Novices slalom. The water was again very high and the course long and difficult. J. Edwards 16th. and John Albert 3rd. out of 29 competing in Division 4. Albert missed 2nd. place by one second. Stevie Chapman did well to finish 15th. out of 52 in the Novices Event.

July 17th. Team Slalom at Marsh Weir on the Thames. A team event is similar to the individual except that the three members of the team are all on the course at the same time and the time and penalties are taken from the time the first man crosses the starting line to the time the last man crosses the line. The Club took part in the Handicap Event for Junior Teams and the "A" team, John Albert, Paul Edwards and David Rosenthal, finished a good second

This slalom was an historic occasion in that there was included the first well supported Canadian Pairs event in this country. The School has recently bought a slalom Canadian Canoe, and on this, its first outing, the "A" pair, Paul Edwards and John Albert, came second to two men from the 1st. Division.

Sept. 11th. Shepperton. Mark Rosenthal took 12th place in the Novices Event, but David Brown and Stephen Chapman in 4th. Division, did not distinguish themselves.

I would like to put on record my appreciation of the inspiring leadership shown by the club officers; by the Chairman Paul Edwards, Secretary, David Rosenthal and Treasurer Mike Harris. I would also like to thank Stuart Cresswell, John Albert and Tim Sheppard for their cheerful willingness to undertake any job for the Club. With such a group of senior members the canoe club cannot help but thrive.

We acknowledge the gift of a two seater canoe from Old Haberdasher David Baker (Club Member 1960) and a single seater from Mr. Birchenough.

J.W.D.

CCF BAND

This year has been one of mixed fortunes for the Band. The intake, last Autumn Term, was smaller than usual. However, there was no corresponding lack of enthusiasm amongst the new members and the Band has finally emerged a fully experienced and closely co-ordinated unit.

Our first public engagement was at the Senior Commendation Day, upon which occasion we sounded the General Salute for the guest of honour, Sir Thomas Creed.

In March, the Band entered the Ealing Band Competition and we were encouragingly successful, being placed first in both the Open Championship and the Pre-Service Class, an achievement which pleased everyone concerned. However, at our other competitive engagement of the year, The Romford National Competition, the Band unfortunately did not hit true form and was not highly placed; nevertheless, the outing provided valuable experience for the younger members.

Mr. Imhofe and Lt.-Col. Hewson have put a great deal into the administration and polishing of the Band's overall performance for which we are deeply grateful. With a large

promising new intake, and a firm backbone of experienced members, future prospects seem good.

J.M.A. Grubb.

(Drum Major)

G.R. Semken.

(Flight Sergeant)



ccf royal naval section

During the last year we have heard much about cuts in spending within the Royal Navy, though I am glad to say this has not affected the section. In fact, during the past year, the section has passed from strength to strength.

A large number of camps and courses have been attended during the year and this shows that the emphasis of training is on practice rather than theory. Camps attended have included H.M.S. Keppel/Rooke and H.M.S. Scarborough, which took place last Easter. The former involved a week at sea, sailing from Portsmouth to Gibraltar and then spending a week at the Rock, before flying home.

Last summer several camps were also attended including Lock Ewe, which involves much adventure training and whaler sailing. The Clyde became well known to a dozen cadets who were aboard MFV 1219 for a week. Besides attending these camps, cadets also went on specialist courses including gunnery, navigation, aviation and communications.

It reflects well on the section that this year Cadets St. George and Bissell are entering Dartmouth and next year Cadets Farley and Higham will be following. Also three cadets are members of the Royal Naval Reserve. It is gratifying to know, that the section has aroused cadets' interest to the point that several are "going R.N.," several are in the R.N.R. and most cadets attend at least one camp/course every year.

R.J. Pidgeon.

(Petty Officer)



Under Mr. Willatt's guidance we have continued to participate in the work of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, and have been represented at a Junior Conference on the USA, and a Sixth-Form Conference on "Communism Today", at which the speakers were Mr. Boris Orestov (London correspondent of "Pravda") and Mr. John Gollan (General Secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain).

Wall displays have been prepared periodically, featuring World Children's Day, the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the Colombo Plan, Soviet Youth, and "At School Abroad".

This year's International Sixth-Form Christmas Conference will be considering aspects of the problem of World Illiteracy.

At a time when international relations are in a state of flux, and tragic conflicts in many areas hinder understanding and co-operation between nations, the continued support for the CEWC amongst members of the School is an encouraging sign of serious interest in the study and debate of contemporary world problems.

J.E. Cartledge
(Secretary)



If, as it is alleged, the length of a Society's 'Skylark' report is in inverse proportion to its success, we merit a very brief report. Predictably, the Summer Term was comparatively inactive, and the number of unequivocally successful debates can be counted on

one finger, yet a review of the School Year reveals that we have held a greater number of debates, introduced more new speakers and had higher attendances than ever before. Though the figures in each case are not impressive, the sparse support of a sixth form which will grudgingly, almost condescendingly, attend but not take part in working the machine, makes them seem miraculous. Furthermore, "Debating" Society has become a misnomer for a society that organises teach-ins, elections and discussions, in addition to fulfilling its expected role of providing a platform for School debating and sending representatives to Debating and Public Speaking Competitions.

It would be unfair to everybody who has spoken for the Society if one or two individual successes were picked and trumpeted, but a comprehensive and entertaining minutes' book (not, incidentally, kept in the traditional formal style) is always available from the Secretary for perusal. It would also be unfair to everybody concerned with the Society not to offer our congratulations and thanks to Ross McGregor, whose tenure of the Chair was unprecedented in the amount of activity in running the Society as it was unfortunately short; to Jerry Ubysz, our new Secretary, who won his spurs most convincingly at our last visit to North London Collegiate Debating Society; and to Mr. Mole, a President who is constantly available and helpful as an adviser and chauffeur. For the first time in years we enter a new year with an unchanged hierarchy and can continue our variety and success as a Society.

John Launer.
(Chairman)





Over the past year, there have been changes in the library evident for all to see. There is now only one entrance to the library at the south end and new, smaller tables for private study have been introduced. This has resulted in a further improvement towards an ideal quiet atmosphere, which undoubtedly many people have found more amenable for study.

Towards the end of this term, the layout of the room was changed completely, with the shelves being closed for general access. For all those who have been wondering at the many piles of assorted books which have been appearing and disappearing again, it must be explained that the library is undergoing a complete stock-check, the aim being to provide a really up-to-date catalogue, which will be of benefit to all using the facilities of the library. It is hoped that, in the near future, there will also be a separate list of all the books in the reference and restricted loan section.

196 books have been added to the shelves during the past school year, including the following:

English History 1914-45 by A.J.P. Taylor.
Mammals of the World by Ernest P. Walker (2 vols).

Stanley Gibbons Simplified Stamp Catalogue 1966.

Peake's Commentary on the Bible.

The British General Election of 1964 by D. Butler and A. King.

Dictionary of Art and Artists by Peter and Linda Murray.

Geological Atlas of Great Britain by T. Eastwood.

Stevenson's Book of Quotations, classical and modern.

The Republican Roosevelt by John Blum.

A New Dictionary of Economics by Philip Taylor.

The Music of William Walton by Frank Howes.

We wish to thank the following for their donations during the past year: D.M. Armstrong, D. Hardman Esq., M.P. Mire, P.M.A. Peterken, A.M.C.G. Shah, P.G. Steinlauf, R. Romkins and R.F. Turnbull.

I would also like to thank all the librarians for all the invaluable help given to the School Librarian in the running of the Library. Their assistance was appreciated especially at the beginning of the year when Mr. Cheyney was away from school for a week. Indeed, thanks are due to the whole school for co-operating so well with the librarians, thereby ensuring that the essential functioning of the library continued smoothly.

School Librarians, Summer 1966:

Sub-librarians: M.E. Burrage, D.A. Conway, M.J. Harris and S.I.H. Sathar.

Junior Librarians: M.D. Collins, R.P.J. Duffield, R.J. Ginn, B.J. Green and C. Trayner.

Graham Semken.
(Senior Librarian)



MOTOR ENTHUSIASTS' CLUB

At last the M.E.C. is coming of age. Apart from the weekly filmshows which were originally envisaged as the mainstay of the club, more 'mature' forms of support for motoring sports have been noticeable amongst older members. More people are attending

race meetings and some of the school's car rallies. Unluckily, government legislation and the insurance 'new deal' have reduced the chances of participating in motor competitions but we hope this will not deter our members. The lower school has as usual contributed many new ideas to enliven the club and although the suggestion that the "Battleaxes" field should be modified for autocross has been rejected, many of their proposals will be incorporated in future programmes. This year's films are at this very moment being vetted by our man Trevellyan and will be available for general release each and every Monday in the C.L.T. at 1.10p.m.

Chris Sharples.
(Secretary)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The bedlam of exam fever and "I'm leaving - it is" hampered any serious attempts at trying to hold meetings or outings, and the efficiency of the committee was below its usual high standard

The Open Days were a rollicking success. The On-the-Spot Photography with the Polaroid camera just about cleared itself from debt, mainly from hire of the camera, cost of film and the photoflood lamps which kept blowing. The humidity of the Studio, in the darkroom, was kept just within bearable limits by two borrowed blowers from the Physics Dept.

The photographs in the exhibition were disappointingly few, although their size made up for the lack of numbers.

My stint as secretary is now up and also that of the treasurer, R.M. Hutchings, and we would like to thank everyone who helped the society tick over. Good luck to W.M. Rose, my successor, next year.

J.K. Spittal.
(Secretary)



A pattern has now emerged regarding the activities of the Poster Group, which is in effect the pattern of all society activity throughout the school year. The autumn term begins well. New boys, new forms, renewed enthusiasm; the weather too is getting bad and boys spend more time indoors during the lunch-hours; for most of the school there are no exams to work for. These factors result in society activity. The activity continues during the spring term, again because of bad weather and an absence of exams. But come the summer - out comes the sun, along come exams and society activity dies away. And the Poster Group as a society that serves the other societies, and also as a society in its right, conforms to this pattern.

So there you have it. I would like to thank Mr. Broderick and Mr. Adams for their advice and assistance, and would appeal to all society secretaries to give in poster orders again this term, despite the fact that posters seemed somewhat scarce last term. After all, it was only the pattern.

David Baker.



The full-bore season this year has produced mixed results for the School Team; the indications towards future successes are most encouraging, however.

The first serious .303" shooting of the season was, as usual, during the Easter vacation. At this time we always hold a four day practice at Bisley. The chief aims of this practice are to introduce 4th and 5th formers to full-bore shooting, and to start off the season with a comprehensive practice for the more experienced shots. The scores obtained were not as poor as they have been in some past years; undoubtedly this is because most of the beginners had already shot on the .22" indoor range at school. Besides the rifle shooting at Bisley we also spent an afternoon on the pistol ranges, with an assortment of different handguns.

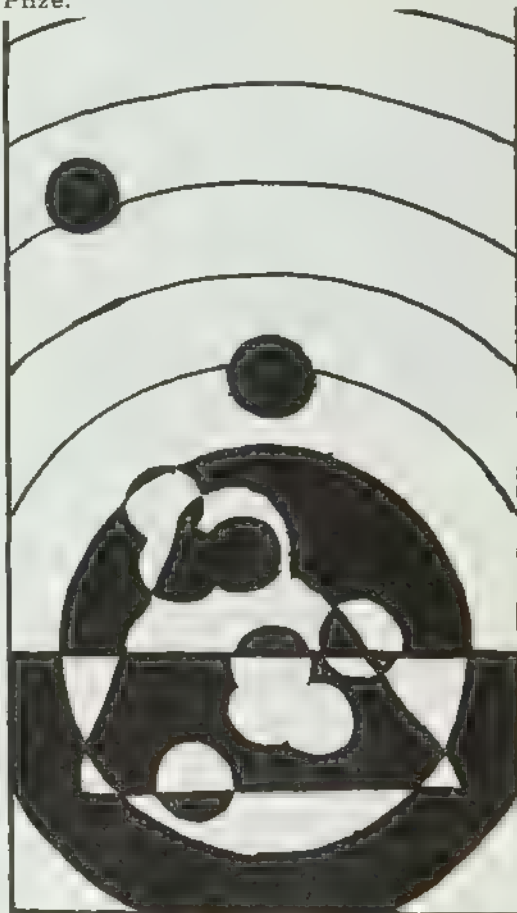
The first competition of the season was on April 30th. This was the "past and present" shoot for the Malvern Cup. Eight teams, each consisting of three Old Boys and three pupils of each school took part. It was a very close competition and Haberdashers' won eventually with a score of 559 ex 600, beating Aldenham by one point. The prize for the highest schoolboy score was won by Nigel Cooper, 49 at 200 yds and 47 at 500 yds.

After this encouraging start to the season came the first major School competition. This was the London and Middlesex Rifle Association Cadets Competition. Haberdashers' VIII came 3rd out of 21 schools with a score of 501 ex 560. Richard Wall came 4th in the Ninth Man Competition. The best result was produced by our Cadet Pair, Paul Meadows and Tony Fitzsimmons, who came first equal with The Leys School.

The next major team competition proved to be disastrous for most of the team. It was the Sussex Cadets Competition, and the VIII produced one of its lowest scores for some time; only John Caldwell shot well out of the VIII, scoring 65 ex 70. However, all was not completely lost - our Reserve Pair beat 32 other Schools' Pairs to win a cup and silver medals: Chris Sharples scoring 62 ex 70 and Danny Clark-Lowes scoring 64 ex 70.

Towards the end of June we held another practice and incorporated in it a match against the Old Haberdashers' Rifle Club. The O.H. fielded a very strong team indeed, but nevertheless the school won by two points, 390 to 388 (ex 420).

Seven members of the Rifle Club who finished their examinations early took part in a competition at the end of the main N.R.A. meeting, the Howard Wilkinson Trophy. Chris Fitzpatrick shot well at all three different ranges to win a well deserved prize with 98 ex 105. The following day, 16th July, a team of four Haberdashers came 4th out of 15 teams in the Watts Bowl Competition. That afternoon we watched the final of the Queen's Prize.



During the next three days there were various competitions exclusively for school-boys. The individual competitions included such things as Running Deer and Clay Pidgeon competitions. On Monday the 18th, the Wellington and Iveagh "unlimited entry" competitions were shot. Chris Fitzpatrick scored 34 ex 35 both at 200 yds and 500 yds. In the Devon Competition, an aggregate of our best five scores in the Wellington and Iveagh combined, the School V came 1st by one point from Epsom School, with a score of 333 ex 350; winning a large silver plate and silver medals.

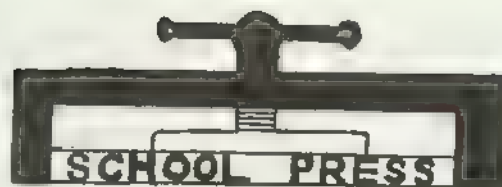
The final and most important competition of the season, the Ashburton, took place the next day. Over one hundred schools took part and Haberdashers did well to come 11th with a score of 485 ex 560. The weather for this competition was appalling. Lord Collesloe described it as the "worst Ashburton weather in living memory". The torrential rain and gusty winds resulted in much lower scores than usual; to score even 485 under such conditions was quite an achievement.

Next season the Rifle Club will have new .303* match rifles, and coupled with the great potential discovered this year lower down in the school, should have a more consistent and more successful season.

Summary of Results: 1966 season.

15th May. Malvern Cup. 1st, 576 ex 600.
 21st May. L. & M.R.A. Cadets. School 1st
 VIII, 3rd, 501 ex 560; Cadet Pair 2nd,
 125 ex 140. IXth Man, 4th, 62 ex 70.
 4th June. Sussex Cadets, School 1st VIII,
 476 ex 560. Reserve Pair 1st, 126 ex
 140. Cadet Pair 116 ex 140.
 19th July. Ashburton. School 1st VIII, 11th,
 485 ex 560. IXth Man, 42 ex 50.

Nigel Cooper.
(Captain)



It was with "fear and trepidation" that I trod in the footsteps of our ex-Head Printer, Dave Shemuel, and I am now thankful to report that after our recent price increases we are almost self-supporting.

As usual we have been kept fully occupied with a continuous flow of small orders from myriads of obscure societies and clubs, and of course we tackled the printing of the tickets for the school plays, concerts and other social activities. In fact we have been so busy with all the small orders and routine work, that "the book" (Mr. Avery's 'Oliver the Spy'), is still unfinished.

It has only been possible to carry out all our commitments because of the enthusiasm and support of all my fellow printers, whom I would like to thank for their hard work, and I must particularly thank Mr. Broderick for all the encouragement, enthusiasm and guidance he has given so willingly at all times.

After a visit from a previous ex-Head Printer, Graeme Bell (honoured be his name), we are now the proud possessors of a brand new shiny kettle, so we are even doubly sure of enthusiasm and attendance - particularly at lunch-times - and I hope, of the continued collaboration of all members of the group.

J. Robbins.
(Head Printer)



This term has seen a good deal of controversial argument and discussion, out of which nothing concrete has - as yet - arisen. The O-gauge railway has been going steadily

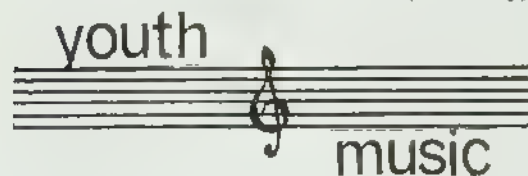
downhill, owing to the age and unreliability of the locomotives. This, coupled with the fact that Open Day weather was as tempestuous as usual, rendered that side of our exhibition useless.

Through Roger Bell's generosity in loaning us his "live steam" railway, our outdoor exhibition attracted a good many people. The indoor exhibition was very successful, if the interest shown in it proves anything.

The society's trip to the Cromford & High Peak Railway went off well, and the forthcoming trip to the Bowater railway system promises to be as good.

The 1966 Photographic Competition produced some interesting entries and also made a profit!

C. Francombe.
(Secretary)

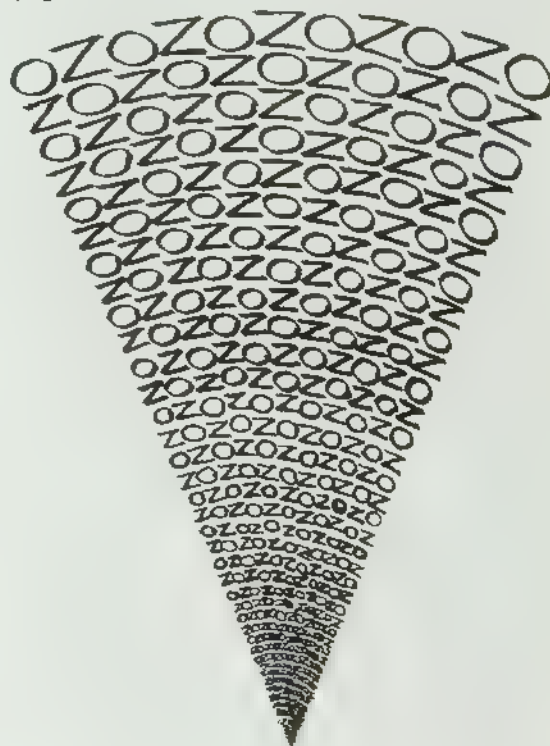


The School has a Choral Society with 250 members, two orchestras, and hundreds of pupils who attend private lessons on instruments ranging from the descant recorder to the double bass. All this, yet until last term it seemed that a School which could produce Bach's B Minor Mass did not contain more than a few dozen pupils who could be bothered to lift a telephone receiver to book seats for a professional performance of that work. Youth and Music, we hope, has altered this by forming in the School a group affiliated to the national organisation which provides cheap tickets for concerts, ballets, operas and musical lectures. Since May, 156 members of the School joined as a result of a vast advertising campaign and constant encouragement by the music staff. In a school in which, previously, only a few tickets for various events were sold each year, we have an order for tickets for Y. & M. concerts from October

to December of well over two hundred pounds — subsidised tickets which would have cost members of the School a year ago about three times that price. Having the largest Y & M group in the country, we are consulted by the Head Office on the details of the coming programme and are also entitled to some occasional events not on the general Y & M programme. With some sixty members of the Prep. School attending Robert Mayer Junior Concerts, run by the same organisation, we can at last say that, in all respects, we are a musical school.

John Launer.
(Secretary)
Antony Craig.
(Treasurer)

POEM



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ATHLETICS

Unfortunately, as far as team results are concerned, this has been a disappointing season. There have, however, been some encouraging individual performances, particularly in the Junior team.

The Senior team results were seriously affected by the loss of both captain and secretary for the entire season through leg injuries, and, with only one full colour remaining from last year's team, some athletes were compelled to compete in as many as five events.

In the sprints Seymour and Rinsler provided consistent performances and Cresswell's results in the 440 and 880 were the highlights of the season. With better tracks and better weather he might have come closer to the school records in both. K. Robinson's fine runs in the same events and Grollman's emergence as a strong half-miler enabled the team to collect much needed points. Walker, Johns and Wilton all recorded personal bests in the mile and took turns in achieving good times. Seal and Davies both improved, after indifferent starts, towards the end of the season in the high jump and Seal's style in the long jump at last produced its merited results. Always managing to jump 19 ft. during the season he produced a fine personal best of 20 ft. 2 ins. against the Old Boys.

Competent performances were achieved by Seal and Grubb in the shot, and by Seymour and Grubb in the javelin. Grubb's discus-throwing shows the rewards of hard training, improving on his promising results of the previous year and throwing well consistently.

The find of the season was undoubtedly Marks, who finished first in every Junior 100 and 220. When not required for the Junior team he ran for the Seniors, and his results certainly merited his continued inclusion in the Senior team. Myers and A. Wilson produced some encouraging results in the sprints. Stephens ran some excellent 440's and formed a strong hurdling team with Phipps. In the Junior mile Clark-Lowes and H. Wilson improved with every race, and J. Robinson and Mulloy produced several good performances in the half-mile. Phipps and Edwards in the long-jump and Nash in the high jump all showed continued improvement, while Pickering and Myers progressed towards the latter part of the term in the shot and discus respectively and Taylor threw the javelin with considerable success.

On the team's behalf I would like to thank Messrs. Davies, Goater and Clarke and the team secretary, Abrehart, for the amount of time and energy they put into athletics.

D. Maislish.

Colours:- Cresswell K., Grubb, Seal

Half-Colours:- Marks, Seymour

Colts Colours:- Stephens

RESULTS

May 14	A	SEN:- 1. Haileybury 98 pts.	2. Q.E.B. 81 pts.	3. H.A.E.S. 58 pts.
		JUN - 1. Haileybury 91½ pts.	2. Q.E.B. 83 pts.	3. H.A.E.S. 67½ pts.
19	H	SEN:- 1. St. Alban's 67 pts.	2. H.A.E.S. 62 pts.	
		JUN:- 1. St. Alban's 66 pts.	2. H.A.E.S. 65 pts.	
26	H	SEN:- 1. Royal Masonic 74 pts.	2. H.A.E.S. 58 pts.	
		JUN:- 1. H.A.E.S. 69 pts.	2. Royal Masonic 63 pts.	
June 11	A	Achilles Schools Relays		
		Heats:	All school teams eliminated.	
		Finals:	Sen. 4 x 880 yds.	6. H.A.E.S.
			Jun. 4 x 880 yds.	H.A.E.S. unplaced.

Senior Sports 1. R 129 2. S 119 3. M 113 4. H 108½ 5. C 104 6. J 87½

Junior Sports 1. S 147½ 2. J 124 3. H 122 4. C 95½ 5. M 83½ 6. R 81½

Cricket



1st XI

Last season was one of the unluckiest seasons the school has had for a long time. Only three wins were recorded, but two games ended in draws with the scores level, and another was lost on the last ball of the match. Although the results were only average the cricket was generally of a high standard and improved considerably as the season progressed. The batting ceased to rely solely upon individuals, and, as the players grew in confidence, their performances improved and by the end of the season the bowlers had found a length and every member of the team was contributing to its success.

Basically, however, the season has been one of building a team for the future, the team being a very young one, with average age less than seventeen. Despite the occasional argument we worked well together, making the overall atmosphere much more friendly. This "team spirit" played an important part in enabling everyone to really enjoy their cricket.

The climax of the season was a highly successful tour of the West Country, organised by Mr. Yeabsley to whom our sincere thanks are due. Three games were played in four days, including one two-day match, and it was on the hard Devon wickets that the team played its most attractive cricket of the year.

G.S. Haslehurst.

Team:-	Haslehurst, G.S.* (capt.)
	Done, C.R.**
	Quick, A.J.**
	Mackie, P.S.**
	Bottoms, G.R.*
	Foster, R.A.
	Morgan, D.
	Phipps, A.J.
	Scott, A.P.
	Wakely, P.M.*
	Wilkinson, R.
	Woolerton, D.R.

** Colours

* Half-colours

RESULTS:-

May 11	H.A.E.S. 90 (Done 34); Bancroft's 91-1	LOST
14	Royal Masonic 94; H.A.E.S. 95-4 (Wilkinson 38)	WON
18	Gentlemen of Herts 152 (Foster 4-46); H.A.E.S. 105 (Quick 35)	LOST
21	Chigwell 143-8 dec. (Bottoms 4-46, Scott 4-25); H.A.E.S. 143-6 (Haslehurst 55)	DRAWN
26	XL Club 152 6 dec.; H.A.E.S. 140 (Haslehurst 49, Mackie 40)	LOST
June 8	M.C.C. 185-7 dec.; H.A.E.S. 61	LOST
11	Brentwood 186-8 dec.; H.A.E.S. 120-7	DRAWN
15	St. Alban's 154-3 dec.; H.A.E.S. 154-6 (Haslehurst 35, Quick 33)	DRAWN
25	Queen Elizabeth 70-6 (Bottoms 5-24) RAIN	ABANDONED
July 2	H.A.E.S. 101 (Wilkinson 37); Latymer Upper 102-7	LOST
9	Old Haberdashers 179-5 dec.; H.A.E.S. 119-6 (Mackie 56)	DRAWN
16	H.A.E.S. 146-3 dec.; (Quick 55*, Mackie 44, Done 33); City of London 99-7	DRAWN
<i>Devon Tour</i>		
July 22	H.A.E.S. 173-8 dec. (Done 39); Exeter 147-9 (Wakely 4-26)	DRAWN
23-24	H.A.E.S. 207 (Morgan 52) and 96-3; Kings Taunton 95 (Bottoms 5-48, Wilkinson 5-32) and 206 (Wakely 7-61)	WON
25	H.A.E.S. 92; Whiteways 80-6 (Bottoms 4-22)	DRAWN
27	Col. Bird's XI 203-8 dec.; (Scott 4-54); H.A.E.S. 205-8 (Done 80, Wilkinson 35)	WON

2nd XI

The Second Eleven has had a very enjoyable and successful season in 1966. The emphasis should be on enjoyable, because the team spirit was particularly good and the side's approach was a key factor in many victories.

After a disappointing start against Royal Masonic, the team showed its real potential with a fine victory against the clock and Chigwell. On this occasion it was the batting which was the strong point, but the bowling, aided by keen fielding, was to provide the spearhead in later matches, notably against Brentwood and St. Albans. In this department David Goy was particularly penetrating, and was ably assisted by Clive Agran. Barry Kahn also showed great promise when conditions allowed the use of his leg-breaks, and this was a useful variation to the wealth of medium-pace bowling.

Once given confidence the team improved with every match, culminating in a great eight wickets win against City of London. Here the batting was led by Richard Saville, the most prolific scorer in the side, if not the most consistent. Once the opening partnership of Tony Higham and Barry Kahn had been established, they could be relied upon for a solid start, and even if the middle order batting had a tendency to collapse, there was sufficient depth to overcome difficulties.

The side was one of excellent all-round strength. Not only could every member of the team bat competently, but most had pretensions to bowling and were very able fielders, close to the wicket or away from the bat. As an example of this, nine catches were held in the game against Brentwood.

Mention must be made of Mr. Dawson's support, advice and encouragement and Ian Ross's neat and

efficient scoring, for which the whole side is most grateful.

This year the Second Eleven has been the most successful school team. We hope that next season's side will have equally favourable results, and enjoy their cricket as much as we have.

G. Tilley.

Team:- G. Tilley (capt.)*
R.C.C. Saville,*
E. R. Wright*
C. Agran*
D. L. Goy*
B. J. Kahn*
D. Morgan*
G. Irvine,
D. Best
N. R. Dennis
B. A. H. Becker
A. Higham

Also played: D. Isaacs, M. V. Gwyn, A. Bracken, M. G. Ellman

* 1st XXII colours

RESULTS:- Played: 8 Won: 6 Drawn: 1 Lost: 1

3rd XI

The 3rd XI is, by its nature, subject to the whims of the higher echelons of school cricket. A change in the 1st XI results in a change in the 3rds, and it is, therefore, hard to keep a constant team. Nevertheless, with about seven regulars and an assortment of others, the 3rds had a successful season, winning five and losing two matches.

The regulars comprised those in their last year, non-stylists but entertaining, and some younger boys who will undoubtedly progress in school cricket. Enthusiasm is the keynote of 3rd XI cricket, artistry is rare. Of the non-stylists Barton was a hostile opening bowler who made up in ferocity what he lacked in accuracy. Lerego and Pearson were steady openers and Garson probably the best middle-order batsman. Of the younger members Bracken will definitely make the 1st XI as a change bowler who flights the ball naturally, and Humber is a good all-rounder without excelling in any single aspect of the game.

A.J. Woolstone.

Colts XI

The Colts teams, with a number of promising players, had one of the most miserable seasons in many years, and it was not until the end of the season that the senior colts in particular showed any inclination to win matches at all.

Early on in the season good bowling performances were wasted by a careless approach in the field, mainly in the latter half of the other sides' innings. Far too many catches were put down throughout the season, and, though the team batted, on paper, down to number nine in most matches, indecisive starts to each innings resulted in too much responsibility being conferred on the batsmen of the team.

At the end of the season, reinforced by Brand, Reiss and Williams, the Colts came very near to beating the strongest side we play, City of London, and would have done so had catches been held. Finally an enthusiastic D.F.C. Thomas' XI was defeated by 4 wickets despite a massive, by Colt's standards, target of 140, thanks to a "whirlwind" 50 not out from Barlow in 60 minutes.

Thanks to Mr. Norton for taking on the thankless and at times nightmarish job of looking after the team — our sympathies lie with him.

D. Isaacs.

Team:- Isaacs, D*(capt.)
Barlow, R.A.*
Clark, T.*
Moss, P.G.*
Brand, M.E.
Estorick, M.J.
Greenslade, W.R.
Morgan, D.
Reiss, P.D.
Reen, G.P.
Rosman, P.F.
Shapira, P.V.
Walters, R.E.G.
Williams, P.D.

RESULTS:- Played: 7 Won: 1 Drawn: 2 Lost: 4

JUNIOR XI

The two junior cricket teams, U.14 and U.13½, had fine seasons, playing seven matches and losing only one, and being extremely close to winning, despite stiff targets, in two of the three drawn matches.

Strong batting in all matches, with Russom and Hughes both easily achieving 100 runs, gave the bowlers plenty of scope which they rarely needed, with Williams and Humphries taking two-thirds of the wickets captured by the U.14 team, and Hughes and Forrester being equally reliable for the U.13½'s.

The fielding was not always as it should be, but Higham of the 1st form kept wicket tidily and conscientiously and was an inspiration to the fielders.

Teams:- Russom, P.*
Brand, M.E.*
Hughes, L.O.*
Humphries, P.A.*
Reiss, P.D.*
Seaman, G.A.*
Williams, P.D.*
Breen, P.A.
Cronbach, S.L.
Deshayes, K.
Evans, J.L.
Forrester, A.N.J.
Frenkel, J.
Fry, G.R.
Harris, C.I.K.
Higham, M.J.
Pierce, R.J.
Raw, E.P.
Sherman, S.P.

RESULTS: Played: 7 Won: 3 Drawn: 3 Lost: 1



SWIMMING

This has been the swimming club's most successful season ever, winning twelve out of thirteen fixtures. It has, however, been a team effort, although some individual performances have been outstanding. At the beginning of the season, having lost so many of the previous year's team, it was generally thought that the results would be very average, but three main factors proved this assumption to be false. The arrival of Mr. Snook as master-in-charge of swimming gave the seniors' training an additional vigour; a further incentive was the presentation, by Aldenham School, of a large training clock, and competition within the club forced team members to swim faster in order to keep their places.

Special mention must be made of D.J. Allsopp who improved on all the school freestyle records, from 50 yards to quarter of a mile. Also, apart from many county and inter-county successes, he recently reached the final of the 220 yards in the junior International Trials at Blackpool. The other crawl swimmer, N.H. Govas, trained extremely hard throughout the season and was rewarded by becoming only the third boy from the school to break 60 seconds for the 100 yards freestyle event.

Of the backstrokers, a very successful season was had by R. Donmall who, once he had gained confidence in his own ability, became the fastest ever in the school over 100 yards and swam under 70 seconds consistently. G.B. Mayne, ably supported by C.M. Amstein, swam repeatedly well in the breast-stroke and became the fastest boy over 100 yards in a 25 yard pool.

In the Colts and Junior teams Bartlett, Crabb and Wolf were outstanding, with Bartlett and Crabb gaining first and second places in all but one colts breaststroke, and Wolf swimming remarkably well to beat boys much older and bigger than himself. With a strong Colts side and only two leavers among the Seniors, prospects for next season are extremely promising, especially if members of the team realise that training is equally important in autumn in the gym and in winter in the swimming pool.

Once again I would like to thank Mr. Snook for giving up his time and energy throughout the season, Mr. Rolfe who assisted in training and took on the difficult job of starter with a starting pistol which obviously supported Mr. Wilson's "stop-go" policy, and Mr. Thomas who has given his support throughout the year.

P.C. Chambers.

RESULTS

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Seniors</i>	<i>Colts</i>	<i>Juniors</i>
Queen Elizabeth's	79 - 44 <i>WON</i>	65 - 59 <i>WON</i>	
Aldenham	79 - 43 <i>WON</i>	65 - 42 <i>WON</i>	
City of London	40 - 32 <i>WON</i>	41 - 34 <i>WON</i>	26 - 38 <i>LOST</i>
R.G.S. High Wycombe	53 - 24 <i>WON</i>	49 - 25 <i>WON</i>	29 - 21 <i>WON</i>
Berkhamsted	33 - 49 <i>LOST</i>	32 - 45 <i>LOST</i>	19 - 40 <i>LOST</i>
Highgate	33 - 26 <i>WON</i>	32 - 18 <i>WON</i>	19 - 25 <i>LOST</i>
Bancrofts	54 - 21 <i>WON</i>	47 - 28 <i>WON</i>	37½ - 15½ <i>WON</i>
Mill Hill	60 - 45 <i>WON</i>	50 - 37 <i>WON</i>	
The Leys	60 - 39 <i>WON</i>	50 - 59 <i>LOST</i>	
Dulwich	50 - 27 <i>WON</i>	30 - 47 <i>LOST</i>	
Merchant Taylor's	52 - 36 <i>WON</i>	52 - 36 <i>WON</i>	
St. John's	78 - 58 <i>WON</i>	65 - 50 <i>WON</i>	
Westminster	78 - 30 <i>WON</i>	65 - 51 <i>WON</i>	95 - 62 <i>WON</i>
Royal Masonic	69½ - 30½ <i>WON</i>	47 - 31 <i>WON</i>	
St. Paul's			107 - 74 <i>WON</i>

ORIGINALS

IN THE CROWD

In the quarries of the mind is one alone?

*Possible, perhaps and
yet unlikely, for even
there, I am not honest.*

*Shifting, stirring,
darting, trying to escape from me.
Prevaricating endlessly,
yet still faced with me, insurmountably me.*

*In my mind, I am in my crowd,
but in a crowd, alone.*

P.V. Shapira (6BM.1)

ON A TYPICAL BRITON

The staunch and straight and nice and clean,
Who asks his mater till his ruby day
The time of getting up to say,
"How nice, chop chop, I'll come again."
And gives his loyal billycock a clip
Of friendly and yet captious gestures.
The one who's perfect in all ways
With hanky, bowler, parasol and tea,
What else is there, for future hopes,
For an up and coming Britisher.

H.B. Eder. (3.21)

Asplenium filix foemina.

UNTITLED

The ferns that I planted are growing
From carpeted forest floor
To mundane back garden
Containing earth that clings
Like a universe to my boots.

In it
they stand,
Shunning their surroundings,
Lifting their sprays of green
As jets from a fountain.

The lawn is embarrassed
By its bald patches
And its social outcasts
Growing like outlaws
Amongst the flowers
Long battered by wild football matches.

The ferns remain aloof
Far from their origin
Where their kin grows
As common as acorns.

C.J.Boswell (6BM.1)

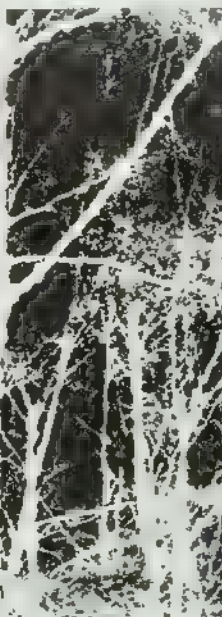
B.J.S.

SONNET

The lotus shrinking from the sun it fears,
Shrouded in its oriental cloud,
Specked with gold; not daring to float proud
But curling, withering, splashed by silver tears;
And you were softly sailing: western hand
Extended, reaching, yearning just to own
One tassel of the eastern carpet, and
To shade those smarting petals from the noon,
Eyes quivered, tickled by the windy pace,
Ears sweetly pointed by some opaque jewel,
Now strangest silk and muslin veil the face,
Air pungent with sitars and rich with sandal:
And I have offered betel-nut and spice
And humbly wait your tongue to melt from ice.



Darien Angadi (6SM)



THE CRAB

His thoughts to the now of tomorrow sneak,
As a crab, sidled from its stone to see
And poised and scarlet beneath a pebble's peak,
Surveys the teeming litter of debris,
Dead live's slow ebbing in the wide white sand.
The cliff aspires to safe green heights of rest,
The dark still consuming sea waits there and
Coldly crab scuttles to its soft glass nest.
Here in the warmth of glass each colour gleams
More brilliant than in the world's pale glow,
A world dimmed by fear from fading child-dreams;
And the cliff's sheer walls turn green to yellow.
But in this sight the glass shatters to erase
Cracked memories of the only perfect days.

Stephen Proffer (6SM1)

IN THE ARMOURY

I play, carelessly,
With gold-soaked rags, pull-throughs, pieces of 'four by two';
Round me mutters of
Bren-guns, Bisley, and armourers' tools
Buzz
And ricochet lazily
Between the low roof
And racks (neatly stacked) of straight
Precise and satisfyingly solid, warm-stocked
Black-oiled, sharp-sliding
Rifles;
Well-tended killers
— Condemned, pathetic
'Never to be pointed at anyone—
Not even in jest.'
Suddenly someone sparks into the sultry oil-laden atmosphere,
Hair askew,
Says drolly 'I enter Her Majesty's store,
Pull the pin out of this grenade,
And throw it into a wastepaper bin. There. And leave.'
He leaves, rattling down the steps
Before we can shoot him.
The explosion triggers off some internal flare.
I think for a moment; 'I wish I could really do that.'

N.C. Witheford (5.27)

WAR

What is war?
The stinking trenches, filthy blood baths,
Or soaring aircraft retching smoke and flame,
And porcupines of the sea,
With bristles pricking away great holes.
Or armies of ants, wandering blindly,
Soon falling in hopeless confusion.
Maybe a finger soiled and deformed,
Pressing a small red button.

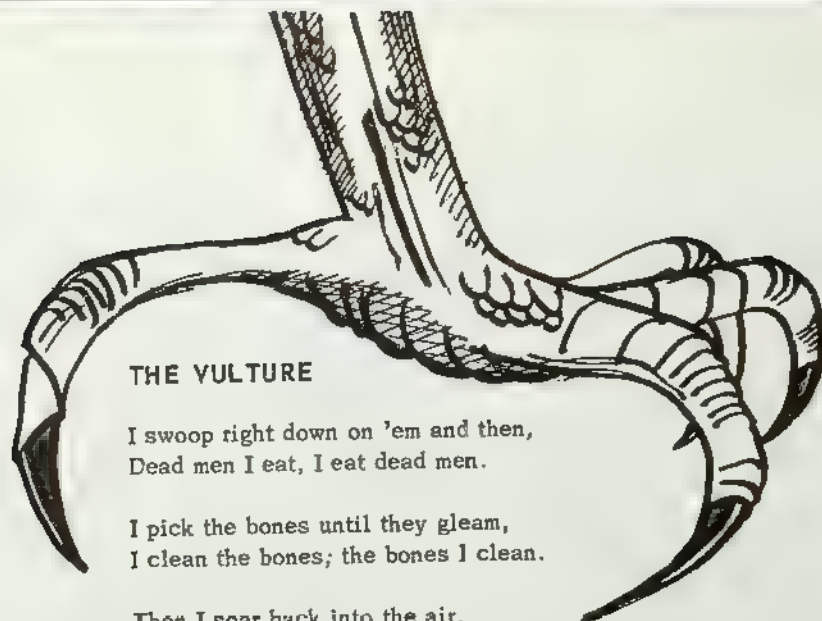
No,
War is a splendored melancholy tragedy,
And something sad and strangely beautiful,
But sometimes burning happiness,
Burning away the dirt of that death place,
But leaving a cleansed and innocent world?

Daniel Friedman (3.21)

NUCLEAR POEM

the motionless echoing air
stifles the Underground platform
between trains people exist silent
I first perceive a distant
hissing and then
a rattle
the air
moves
cool
pushes
the
silence
and the heat into the
tunnel from a rattle to a rich
shaking a wind cools my
dreaming mind
a flash
of
light
the
corner is conquered and then
a whole holocaust of sound
rumbling treading breaking the
past balance
is lost
people
end
with
the
sound
of
closing
doors muffled
sound after the
noise there is no one.

C.J. Boswell (6BM.1)



THE VULTURE

I swoop right down on 'em and then,
Dead men I eat, I eat dead men.

I pick the bones until they gleam,
I clean the bones; the bones I clean.

Then I soar back into the air,
Beware all men, all men beware.

E.C. Ableson (2.14)

UP THE LOIBL PASS

*See my hands clinging desperately to these crumbling mountains,
And let my venom flood these barren furrows.
Let your long brown roots carress the shoulders of these cone mountains,
And let our naked flesh crunch red and raw on crackling snow,
Carving out a womb for our still born child.
And let these cherub clouds sprinkle their golden dust
To gather in a glittering rainbow
As this last furrow is gouged.*

*See your forehead boils oozing lava,
And the pass wriggles and flounders on the heaving mountainside,
Clinging and clambering,
Thrusting its vehicle to the summit,
And let the mountains echo
To the gods of our breasts pealing their wild bells.*

*But let your pounding heart sleep
In this peace.
For our journey has ended,
And the drowned stream can trickle gently
Down the forehead of our earth.*

D.J. Firman (6BMI)

WHO IS THIS MAN?

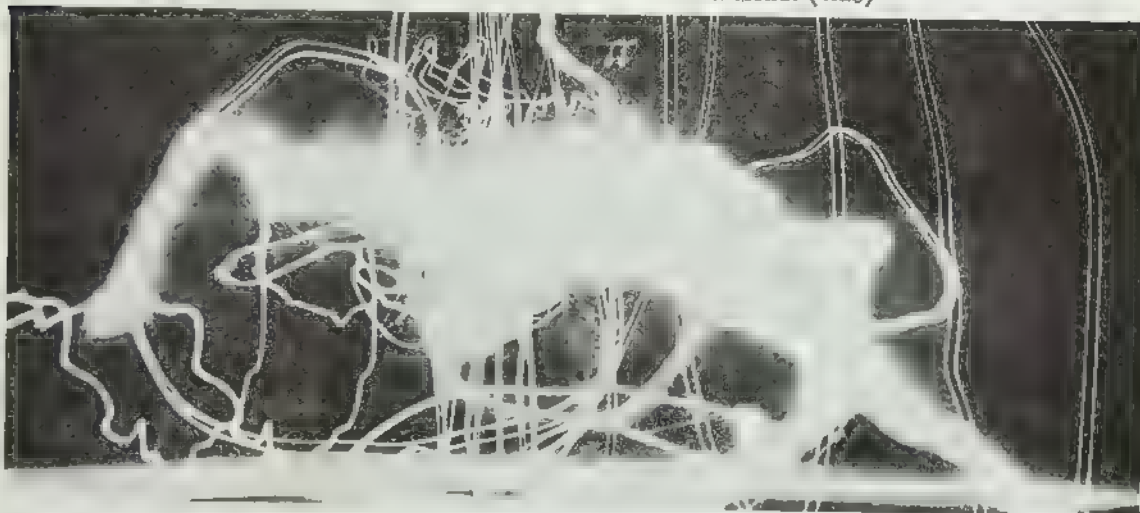
Whose is this soul that
Conquered empires
Shadowed Ra
Made cities pyres;
Took toll from Thor?

Who is this man that
Laughed at hell's fires
Raped pure Venus
Built ninety Tyres
Yet ran from Love's trust?

Whose is this heart that
Silenced the lyres
Flauted Pan
Gave way to liars
Fought art and won?

And whose these screams, that
Tell of the tears
Of Jaguar
Of the years
Of unknown wish dreams
Of power?

R. Mond. (4.26)



N.Evison

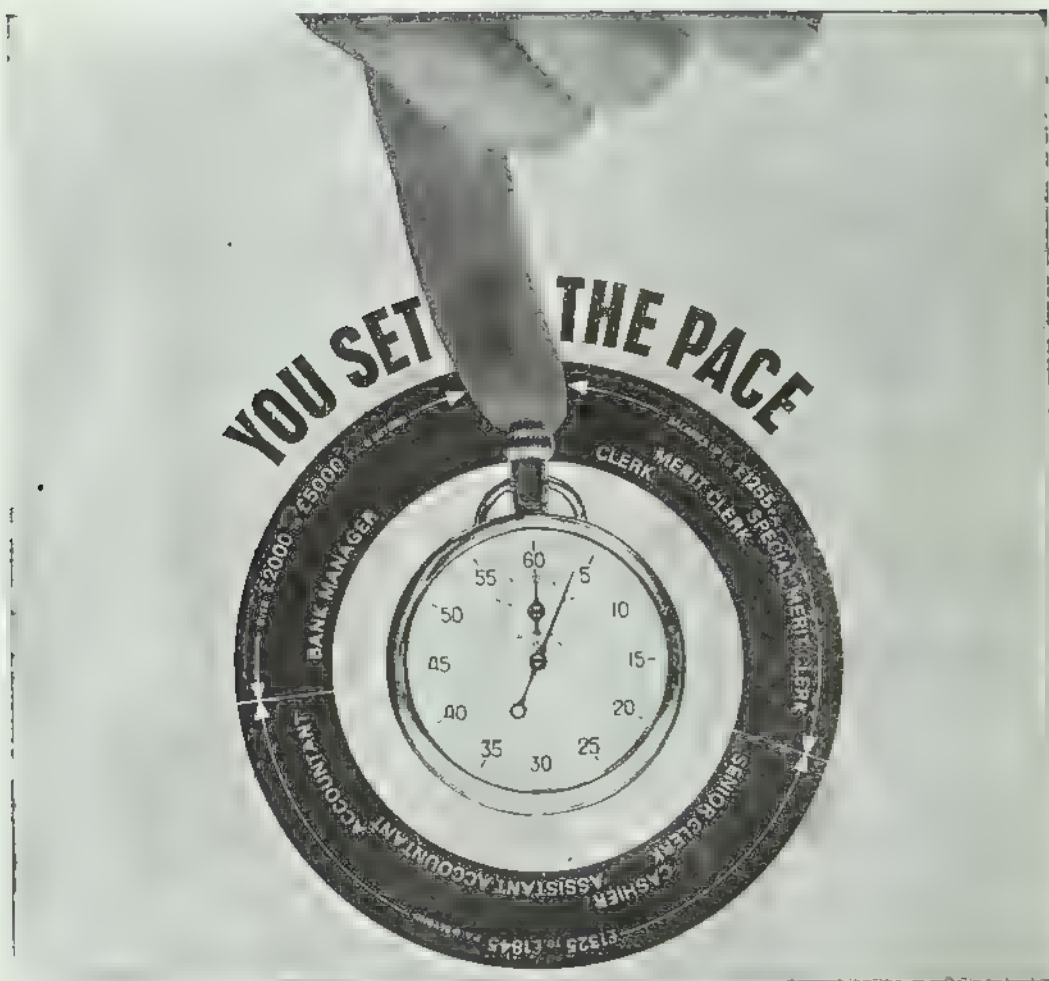
THE DIVER'S BRILLIANT BOW

George stirred the black coffee slowly. He watched the small cluster of foam whirl round and round the expectant whirlpool. His wife was sitting opposite him, scouring the inside of a decapitated boiled egg with a teaspoon, while her be-rollered hair rustled with each movement of her jaw.

He turned to his newspaper, and began to read the third column from the left on the back page. "Damn Rhodesians," he whispered. His wife waited five seconds and then looked up. George could feel her dark penetrating gaze, tickling the hairs on the back of his neck, but he kept his eyes on the newspaper. She showed she was out for blood, by drawing long, deep, erratic breaths through her nose. George began to sweat slightly, he took a deep breath and said, "Yes dear." She continued to stare at him, while he could feel himself going deeper and deeper shades of red. Suddenly she accepted his surrender, and with another erratic sigh, she said, "Nothing dear."

George rose from his chair, being careful to scrape it noisily on the tiles. She looked at him again with a shrewd smile, by way of saying, "Oh, so you want to play it rough do you?" He grinned for good measure and retreated to the hall for his coat and briefcase.

R.J.Nash. (3.21)



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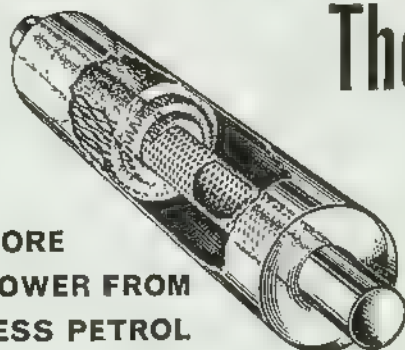


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SOCIAL CALENDAR FOR 1967

<i>Fri. February 3rd</i>	Annual Dinner, O.H.A. at the Haberdashers' Hall, Staining Lane.	<i>Fri. June 2nd</i>	Second Decade Dinner for 1930-39 Leavers at the Clubhouse
<i>Sat. February 4th</i>	"St. Valentine's" Buffet Dance at the Clubhouse.	<i>Sat. June 10th</i>	"River Boat Shuffle" on the River Thames
<i>Fri. March 3rd</i>	O.H.R.F.C. Annual Dance at the Sparrowhawk, Edgware	<i>Sat. June 24th</i>	Donkey Derby & Fete on the Ground, Boreham Wood
<i>Fri. April 14th</i>	Decade Dinner for 1950-1959 Leavers at the Clubhouse	<i>Sat. July 8th</i>	Old Boys' Day at the School, Elstree with Cricket, Athletics and Tennis all afternoon
<i>Sat. April 22nd</i>	"End of Season" Buffet Dance at the Clubhouse	<i>Sat. July 8th</i>	Barbecue and Dance at the Clubhouse
<i>Sat. May 20th</i>	"Wine & Cheese Party at the Clubhouse	<i>Thurs. Sept. 28th</i>	President's Reception and A.G.M. at the Clubhouse

BIRTHS

BENNETT-SMITH: On 20th July 1966 to LYNNE, wife of MICHAEL BENNETT-SMITH (1948-51) a daughter, INGRID	MACONACHIE: On 26th March 1966 to ELAINE, wife of IAN P.H. MACONACHIE (1941-50) a son, MICHAEL PHILIP, brother for ANDREW JOHN
BIGG: On 24th September 1966, to ROSALIE, wife of GRAHAM P.BIGG (1951-56) a daughter, LORRAINE FLORENCE	MATTHEWMAN: On 4th February 1966 to ROSEMARY, wife of ROBERT G. MATTHEWMAN (1963-64) a daughter, SASHA ROSE ELEANOR
BOVINGTON: On 13th August 1966 to JOAN (nee COUCH) wife of MICHAEL J. BOVINGTON (1943-51) a daughter, LESLEY ANNE	MUNN: On 5th June 1966 to JEAN, wife of ROGER D. MUNN (1952-57) a daughter, NICOLA JEAN
COOK: On 16th May 1966 to PATRICIA, wife of RICHARD W.M.COOK (1942-47) a daughter, JANET ELIZABETH	SHIELLS: On 30th October 1966 to CHRISTINE, wife of PETER C. SHIELLS (1945-52) a son, ANDREW PETER
EWER: On 25th October 1966 to JOANNE, wife of MICHAEL G. EWER (1948-60) a son, GUY	SHRIMPTON: On 27th September 1966 to PAMELA, wife of the Rev. A.E. (Tony) SHRIMPTON (1946-53) a daughter, CLAIRE LOUISE
FIELD: On 3rd November 1966 to WENDY, wife of TERRY H.E.FIELD (1946-52) a daughter, ROSALIND ROWSE	STERN: On 14th November 1966 to ROSEMARY, wife of DAVID L. STERN (1951-52) a son, PAUL DAVID
HANDSCOMBE: On 26th March 1966 to JENNIFER, wife of RICHARD S. HANDSCOMBE (1947-55) a daughter, FIONA LOUISE	SUTCLIFFE: On 20th July 1966 to PATRICIA, wife of DAVID A. SUTCLIFFE (1951-57) a son, ROBERT FRANK
JONES: On 9th October 1966 to MARY, wife of GRAHAM B.JONES (1943-50) a daughter, HILARY MARGARET, sister for KATHARINE, RICHARD and NICHOLAS	UDELL: On 2nd April 1966 to LINDSAY, w.f.e of PETER L. UDELL (1955-58) a daughter, SASHA
LEVERTON: On 19th May 1966 to SUSAN, wife of KEITH H.LEVERTON (1946-55) a daughter, CLARE ELIZABETH	VACHER: On 23rd July 1966 to PATRICIA, wife of PETER J.S. VACHER (1946-55) a daughter, SARAH SUSANNAH
LUNDIE: On 24th August 1966 to JOAN, wife of DONALD A. LUNDIE (1943-50) a daughter, FIONA ELIZABETH	YEADON: On 13th July 1966 to MARGARET, wife of M.DAVID YEADON (1951-55) a daughter, ELIZABETH JOANNE

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

EVANS-SINNET: The engagement is announced between BARRY G.EVANS (1952-57) and Miss SYLVIA M.SINNETT.

MARRIAGES

BOON-SEDWELL: On 10th September 1966 at St. Matthew's Parish Church, Oxney, JOHN G. BOON (1950-56) to Miss VIVIEN FRANCES SEDWELL. PHILIP ALTERMAN (1942-49) was a guest.

BURT-ALLEN: On 21st May 1966 at Monken Hadley Parish Church, KELVIN W. BURT (1953-62) to Miss PAMELA JILL ALLEN. HARVEY C. BURT (1954-60) was best man.

CONSTABLE-DAVIES: On 12th November 1966 at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, BRIAN R. CONSTABLE (1952-57) to Miss MONICA DAVIES. KEITH B. DUNHILL (1952-58) was a guest.

EVANS-RICHARDS: On 5th November 1966 at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Kenton, TRISTRAM L. EVANS (1955-61) to Miss ELAINE RICHARDS. HOWARD D. L. EVANS (1958-61) was best man and JOHN L. EVANS (1960-) an usher. Also present were: MICHAEL J. BREEN (1954-62), MICHAEL G. EWER (1948-60), JOHN S. V. GREEN (1955-61), GEOFFREY L. HYDE (1958-61) JULIAN LITTLEWOOD (1952-59), CHRIS P. MENEZIES (1956-63), STEPHEN H. MORGAN (1950-61), CHRIS J. ROBINSON (1943-48) MELVIN W. R. STEELE (1952-57). (The O.H.R.F.C. turned out their "Skylarks" XV at Woodford on the same day!)

FAIRLEY-HAWKE: On 2nd July 1966 at St. Anselm's Church, Hatch End, MARTIN C. FAIRLEY (1949-56) to Miss LINDA M. HAWKE. RICHARD J. FAIRLEY (1949-54) was best man.

GOLDMAN-DEAN: On 11th September 1966 at the Edgware Synagogue, DOVID GOLDMAN (1949-57) to Miss MARILYN DEAN. DAVID BECK (1943-52) was a guest.

HOLMES-HAMILTON: On 25th June 1966 at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, East Barnet, PHILIP L. HOLMES (1956-60) to Miss MARY R. HAMILTON.

JENKINS-BAKER: On 10th December 1966 at St. Nicholas Church, Elstree CHRISTOPHER G. JENKINS (1954-57) to Miss MARGARET C. BAKER. ANTHONY J. S. ALEXANDER (1956-62) was best man, JOHN HANSON (1946-54) an usher and DUNCAN McCLAREN (1947-55) was also present.

LYLE-REYNOLDS: On 6th August 1966 at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood ROGER B. LYLE (1948-55) to Miss NANCY MARGARET REYNOLDS.

SHEPARD-RAITHBY: On 6th August 1966 at Mill Hill Methodist Church, GRAHAM L. H. SHEPARD (1952-59) to Miss GILLIAN RAITHBY.

SHILLABEER-FAULKNER: On 3rd September at Christchurch, Bromley, J. H. SHILLABEER (1955-62) to Miss G. FAULKNER. R. E. COHEN (1955-62) was an usher.

GOLDEN WEDDING
16th July 1966: Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Galley (Chase Lodge, Mill Hill 1931-61). Present address: Lilac Cottage, Bracken Path, Epsom, Surrey.

OBITUARY

BATCHELOR: We regret to learn from his widow that A. H. BATCHELOR (1910-15) died last February. Dick Batchelor was a life member of the Club, attended Grand Chapter meetings and was a Lay Reader.

PERSONAL

ALTERMAN, Philip (1942-49) and Roger N. PARKER, (1930/36) have shared the hooking for the O.H.R. F.C. for the past 30 years. In fact, until the start of the 1966-67 season, they had done so in some 590 of the 715 games. Unfortunately for Philip Alterman this virtual monopoly was broken when he put his shoulder out in the Inter Old Boys sevens on 18th September.

BAKER, Godfrey T. (1929-35) has commented that since leaving school he has not stayed more than 3 years in any one place. During his career with the Westminster Bank he has been at Willesden Green, Harrow, Hull, Norwich, Warlingham, Nantes, Bordeaux, Marseilles, Paris, Ankara and now Lyons. He sends his regards to all contemporaries.

BROWN, Stuart C. (1942-48) reports having met Geoffrey C. Hickman (1937-45) when the latter was conducting a party of sea cadets to Gibraltar.

CATTLE, Percy W. (1926-33) writing from Salisbury, Rhodesia (where he is now known as 'Bill') admits to having become a grandfather last March. He adds that his second daughter has just completed her fourth year as a medical student. He hopes to revisit the U.K. early in 1968 when he threatens to visit the Clubhouse in the hope of seeing those of his contemporaries he knows from the Notes are still to be met there.

COCHRANE, J. C. (1955-62) is serving as a Lieutenant with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers in Berlin.

COOKE, David J. (1953-60) has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

COOMBES, John (1953-59) who is now a chartered accountant has been loaned to the operating companies in the oil fields of Southern Iran. He reported having met Brian N. Underwood (1948-58) and Michael B. Curlew (1953-60) in Abadan during their short tours there. John will be in Iran until 1968.

GRAYSON, Roland J. (1951-59) who played for O.H. R.F.C. 'A' and Ex. A XV's in the seasons 1959/60 and 1960/61 is currently serving with the R.A.F. in Singapore.

HOLMES, Philip L. (Phil) (1955-60) graduated with an Upper Second in Honour Botany (1965), gained his Graduate Certificate in Education (1966) and has now started research for his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at the University of Leeds. While at Leeds he has twice held office on the Leeds University Union Executive and has lead the Leeds Delegation to the National Union of Students Council. He is currently a member of the N.U.S. Working Party on Universities.

HOPKINS, H. G. (1918-24) writes from the Bahamas and informs us that he is enjoying the "hobby" of selling real estate. Although he is dealing mainly with Americans he is pleased to see that those warm islands are attracting more Britishers. He offers his help to anyone who is interested in fishing, sailing, scuba diving, water skiing or just soaking up the sun. His address is P.O. Box 124, Harbour Islands, Bahamas.

JONES, Graham B. (1943-50) who has stepped into the breach for O.H.R.F.C. junior sides on several occasions during the past seven seasons has taken up an appointment at All Hallows in Dorset.

LAST, Fred T. (1938-45) was invited by the Plant Diseases Division to visit New Zealand for 6 months. On the way out he gave lectures in Israel, India and Malaya and was due back at the end of November via Australia and America. Fred, who skippered the R.F.C. 1954-56 was able to have his family with him for the first three months.

LAMB, Stephen (1952-59) Completed his course at Battersea C.A.T in June with an Upper Second Honours Degree in Metallurgy. He now has a Technical Sales appointment with the International Nickel Co. Inc., in West Virginia, U.S.A. He will be away for a minimum of two years unless call up and the Vietnam war rear their ugly heads at him in the meantime. We all trust that this will not happen and that his stay in America will be a very happy one.

LINFORD, Kenneth (1932-37) has moved from Southern Rhodesia to Lilongwe in Malawi, where he has been appointed Manager of Barclays Bank D.C.O. Members of O.H.G.S. may like to know that there is a good golf course there.

LUMSDEN, Marshall S. (1945-52) who played his last and 233rd game for O.H.R.F.C. 1st XV against Plymouth Albion on the occasion of their first visit to Boreham Wood on 30th October 1965 has handed over his boots to Robin M. Matthew (1942-49) who makes a welcome return to the field after a serious illness. It is doubtful that Robin Matthew will add to his 225 appearances for the 1st XV but the 'C' team have acquired a promising-looking centre!

MAPLESDEN, Jon (1955-63) who played for 1st XV while still at School appeared for the 'A' when they beat Old Blues at the end of September. Unfortunately for O.H.R.F.C. he was only on a fleeting visit from New Zealand where he is entering a Hall of Residence at Otago University in March 1967. Since leaving School in July 1963 he worked on an iron-ore survey. He became engaged to a New Zealand girl and obtained a place at Otago University where he hopes to qualify as a surveyor. He will be delighted to see any other O.H. who may be passing through Dunedin.

OXLEY, T.A. (1917-30) has been appointed Director of the Forest Products Research Laboratory, Princes Risborough, Bucks. He graduated with first

class honours on post-graduate research, he worked for three years as a demonstrator at Imperial College. He then joined a group in the Zoology Department, investigating as a grain specialist, pest infestation of store products. This group later formed the Pest Infestation Laboratory of the former Department of Scientific and Industrial Research where T.A. Oxley became head of the biology section and later of the grain storage section. He was appointed Assistant Director of the Tropical Products Institute in 1959. For the last five years he has been a Deputy Commissioner, Scientific and Engineering Directorate, of the Civil Service Commission.

RIDGLEY, John C. (1956-63) has obtained his teacher's certificate at the Borough Road College. He is currently teaching in North London and continues to play for both the Rugby and Cricket Clubs. A glance at the Averages elsewhere will indicate what this means to the O.H.C.C.

SWITZER, M.J. (1952-62) is now working in the Management Services Research Department of the North Thames Gas Board. The Chief Officer of this Department is also an O.H.

SIMONS, Roger M. (1949-60) has been awarded the National Federation of Building Trade Employers' Travelling Scholarship (£250) for Research. He will spend a month in Canada next year studying methods of increasing productivity in the building industry.

STEVENSON, Peter (1939-46) who first played for O.H.R.F.C. 1st XV at Weston-super-Mare on 19th April 1946 was recalled to the side at the beginning of the season after a successful try-scoring season with the 'C' team. By the end of October he had made his 375th appearance.

USISKIN, L.A. (1949-56) is in full time hospital dental service since qualifying in 1962. He specialised in children's dentistry and is now a Registrar in the Orthodontic Department of the postgraduate Eastman Dental Hospital.

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As this contribution to the 150th Edition of the O.H. Notes is being written the Lodge is anticipating the celebration, in December, of its 250th Meeting since it was formed in 1909. Fortunately this will coincide with the annual Installation of the new Master, which is the highlight of the Masonic year, and Grahame Franklin will be installing his successor, George Goldup.

The Secretary will be very pleased to hear from any Old Boy or Master at the School who is interested in becoming a member.

K.C.H.P.

COMMENT

The following third leader appeared in "The Times" during September and appears below as a matter of general interest and may perhaps provoke some thought amongst our readers.

SCHOOL MAGS UNDER FIRE

Hardly anything nowadays escapes the sort of cost-effectiveness analysis for which the American SECRETARY of DEFENCE has become famous. A group of youthful McNamaras has now turned a steely eye on school magazines and pronounced most of them not worth the money. "Boring in their inevitable stereotypicality of regimented subject-matter" is the unstereotypical but expectable verdict

School magazines serve too many different functions to be masters of one. For the school authorities they can be a form of advertisement, a mirror of talent and achievement, a record, a calendar. For the pupils they can also be vehicles of self-expression, an exercise in journalism, and a place where sporting and other feats receive formal and lasting recognition. For the teachers they can be a means of fostering creative talent. For old boys they are a club journal. For parents they can be a bit of all these.

In the main a magazine is a place where a school talks to itself. Few would presume to arouse much interest with the complete outside. Even most old boys cannot sustain their interest for very long, though the "news of old boys" column may be good for a few thoughts on destiny, or something of the sort. Jones Minor, last seen as a scruffy and rather dim little boy, has now acquired the chairmanship of a large company, or a seat in the Cabinet. That heroic captain of sports has become a humble suburban clerk. The boy who gave an electrifying performance as Hamlet is now playing small parts in provincial repertory.

Perhaps the only section that might be judged on its merits is the one devoted to creative writing, but even that will usually stir only serious students of juvenilia. Nevertheless, criticism should not be shrugged off altogether. A school whose interior monologue is too boring is probably a boring school.

FORTHCOMING GRAND ATTRACTION DONKEY DERBY & FETE 24th JUNE 1967

Elsewhere in these notes the reader will find an account of the Donkey Derby which was held on the Ground during June 1966.

The Committee has decided that the enjoyment derived from that day warrants another similar day in 1967 and June 24th has been chosen for the occasion.

We are hoping that the weather will prove favourable to the endeavour and that you will be tempted to join us to make the day another Association success. In addition to the Donkey Racing—where you can make your fortune by selecting the winners!—there will be many side shows to attract all ages. Refreshments both alcoholic and non-alcoholic will be available during the whole of the afternoon.

Please remember the date, Saturday, 24th June and bring your family and friends to enjoy themselves.

AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

The Third Decade Dinner

The Third Decade Dinner was held at the Clubhouse on Friday, May 20th 1966 with the President Donald Blessley in the Chair.

It was thought well on this occasion to include in the "Decade" all those old boys who had left School prior to 1930.

In the event 49 sat down to dinner including the immediate past President, J.B. Blowfield, the Vice President, D.W. Wells, the President of the Cricket Club, D.G. Kenward, the Headmaster, Dr. Taylor and the Hon. Registrar, W.R. Tanner. The most senior O.H. present were the Rev. Archie Mann and Leonard Haskins, who both left the School in 1910. Fifteen past Presidents attended, while Max Bernstein who came from Jersey travelled the furthest followed by C.T. Thomas from Weston-super-Mare and George Jamieson from Chippenham. The latter was bold enough to drive home after the festivities had ended.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the evening was the presence of Mr. C.J.L. Wagstaff who was the guest of the Brooker brothers. Mr. Wagstaff was, of course, Headmaster of the School for many years and President of the H.O.B.C. in 1911. He is now in his 91st year and his old pupils were delighted to see him in such good form and made him specially welcome.

The President made a short speech thanking John Hanson, Barry Albone, Ian Smart and John Stagg for their great help in arranging the dinner and particularly those ladies who had so kindly assisted in serving the meal.

The evening was voted a great success by all those who attended, the only regret being that the supplies of port and brandy ran out before the end.

In addition to those mentioned above the following were present:—

C.H. Adams (1916)	M.F. Manton (1927)
S.L. Baxter (1928)	T.N. McEvoy (1921) Pres. 1954/55
M.A. Bernstein (1922)	G.C. Mellulsh (1924)
J.A.J. Blanckensee (1922)	J.C. Moody (1917)
A.N. Bonwick (1924) Pres. 1951/52	J.E.G. Moody (1915) Pres. 1935/36
J.A. Brooker (1924)	R.V. Morton (1928)
P.C. Brooker (1917) Pres. 1956/57	F.C.R. Mundy (1920)
W.D. Brown (1926)	J.W. Paterson (1927)
G.D.O. Burge (1916)	S.H. Peckar (1924)
C.G. Gardner (1911) Pres. 1961/62	V.G. Peckar (1928)
N.R. Gillett (1926)	S.E. Phillips (1918) Pres. 1953/54
G.A. Goldup (1927)	D.W. Ralph (1928)
L.J. Gooch (1914) Pres. 1938/39 and 1944/45	A.E. Robinson (1928)
J.N. Green (1915) Pres. 1923/24	E.W.L. Rogers (1925)
L.J. Haskins (1911) Pres. 1929/30	J.E. Roston (1927)
F.A. Jackman (1928) Pres. 1958/59	E.A. Smellie (1929)
G.B. Jamieson (1926)	R.A. St. John (1921)
C.H. Lawford (1920)	C.T. Thomas (1928)
G.G. Lloyd (1924) Pres. 1957/58	J.P.B. Tigg (1917)
F.L. Loudoun (1914)	S.B. Wavell (1921)
A.M. Mann (1919) Pres. 1960/61	J.F. Wreford (1926)

For a variety of reasons, mostly illness, but in one instance an unfortunate breakdown in transport arrangements, the following were unable to come although they had intended to do so.

G. Batchelow (1909) Pres. 1955/56	G.F. Muteau (1925)
S.H. Bean (1920) Pres. 1952/53	K.C.H. Parker (1927)
W.H. Crossman (1920-64) Pres. 1947/48	D.R. Shepard (1923)
R.W. Diggins (1929)	G.N. Sumner (1915)
A.S. Gilbert (1924)	C.E. West (1927)
W.W. Harris (1927)	

The attendance of half a dozen of these would have created a record for these gatherings, currently held by the 1940-49 Decade with an attendance of 47.

THE RIVER BOAT SHUFFLE

Some strange happenings took place on the River Thames on Saturday, 11th June 1966. The O.H.A. were afloat on their first ever River Boat Shuffle.

The weather was perfect for a boat trip. Despite being 10 minutes late setting sail the boat still had to make a circle back to the quay at Charing Cross Pier to pick up 3 late comers who had arrived just as the boat had pulled away.

There were approximately 150 people on board, the maximum allowed, and the dancing deck was very soon filled. The music was provided by the Alexanders Relations Group and the dancing deck was packed throughout the evening. The Group really excelled themselves and must have been inspired by the unusual conditions. While the two bars on board provided all the liquid refreshment needed it appeared that the promised buffet was largely non-existent which was a matter for some disappointment. The time was spent in sailing up river and down river, returning to the quay at 11 p.m. The tying up of a boat load of dancing, singing, happy Old Haberdashers was watched by a large crowd on the embankment. This was one of the most pleasant social evenings ever organised by O.H.A. Everybody voted the Shuffle a great success and asked for a repeat next year, which you will see from the Social Calendar has been arranged.

DONKEY DERBY AND FETE

On Saturday, 25th June 1966 the Ground at Boreham Wood was hardly recognisable as the arena upon which Rugby and Cricket Matches are normally staged. In the centre of the Ground a race track had been marked and roped off; around the edges there was a great variety of side shows, including roll-a-penny, bingo, lucky dip, coco-nut shy and darts, numbering about 24 in all. A tote had been erected in one corner of the ground, in another a beer tent. An ice cream van had arrived; tea, sandwiches, cakes and huge quantities of candy floss were being served from the pavilion balcony. In yet another corner of the ground was a paddock containing about 20 donkeys. All was ready for O.H.A. first Donkey Derby and Fete.

The hard work of the Fete Committee over the past 6 months was about to come to fruition. Over 6,000 programmes had been distributed to members of the Association and the local inhabitants. It was planned to run a race about every 20 minutes and sponsors for all the donkeys had been obtained. The side shows had been well stocked with prizes and there were also prizes waiting for the sponsors of the winning donkeys. Everything that had been organised by the Fete Committee was completely under control but unhappily the matter of the weather was out of their hands.

After a beautifully fine morning which enabled all the arrangements to be completed the Donkey Derby and Fete was declared open at 2.15 by the President of O.H.A., Donald Blessley. Unfortunately the clouds had already started to form and as the first race started at 2.30 p.m. so came the first shower. Happily the rain stopped after about ten minutes and held off for a little longer.

Races continued at a brisk rate and the tote did a roaring trade as did all the side shows. People were enjoying themselves at the side shows trying to win prizes, at the paddock trying to pick winners and then at the races waiting to see if their selections had run true to form. As so often happens at these functions the weather had the last say and at 4 o'clock the rain was so heavy that the remainder of the race card had to be abandoned.

However, the experience gained on this occasion will be of great value next year when we hope that the Donkey Derby and Fete will be held in much more favourable weather.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

On the afternoon of Saturday, 11th June 1966 the O.H.A. once again provided a Party for the Members' children up to the age of 10 years.

About 45 children attended, and were entertained with games organised by two of the Members. The winners, and usually the losers too, were awarded by being allowed to dip their hands into a large tin of sweets and removing as many as they could hold.

Tea followed, with cakes, jellies, biscuits, ice cream, etc. etc. After this the children were vastly entertained by a professional entertainer with magic tricks and a Punch and Judy show. A good time seemed to have been had by all.

GUY FAWKES DANCE

The first dance of the 1966/67 winter season was held in the Clubhouse at Boreham Wood on November 5th. About 300 people crowded into the Clubhouse and by 10 o'clock the doors were closed and people were being turned away. At one time, during a particularly exuberant dance, fears were expressed for the safety of the floor. However, all was well.

The Alexander's Relations Group again provided the music and the floor was soon filled and remained so during the whole of the evening, for, as on a previous occasion, this Group was in very good form. It is strongly denied that the dance floor was the only place to stand and so one had to dance when the music started!

A raffle was held during the evening, bottles of champagne being among the prizes. One of these bottles of champagne was won by the Captain of O.H.R.F.C., his wife having drawn the ticket. Any suggestion of a "fiddle" must be referred to the Captain himself!

A hot buffet was provided during the evening for all, or nearly all, those members who required it. Over 400 sausages had been cooked and unknown quantities of potatoes and baked beans. It is reported with regret that the comments of a helper who was assisting with the preparation of the food for the first time, and who cooked all the sausages, are unprintable!!

The day before the dance the Clubhouse had been completely decorated with Guys hanging from the rafters, false net ceilings, firework posters, masks and flashing lights. It created a seasonal atmosphere and looked very warm and inviting.

All those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the next dance to be held at Christmas. The one worry of the Social Committee is that everybody will be able to get in.

O.H. CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL DINNER

This year the Cricket Club broke fresh ground with their Annual Dinner by having it in Plantation House in the City, on Thursday, 27th October 1966.

About 75 members of the Club and their guests sat down to Dinner, having been amply refreshed beforehand in the very spacious bars. A first class meal, including second helpings, which had never been known before, was served in very pleasant surroundings.

By tradition no speeches are made at this Dinner other than one from the President of the Club, Derek Kenward. During the course of his speech the President presented tankards to Leigh Strachan, for the fastest 50 scored during the 1966 season, against Orange Hill Old Boys, and to Barry Albone as the Club Member who had done most for the Club during the 1966 season. The President then welcomed to the Dinner all the guests, including the Headmaster, Dr. T.W. Taylor, the Master in Charge of Games, D.F.C. Thomas, the Master in Charge of Cricket and other Masters who have shown an interest in School Cricket. Also welcomed was the Ground Contractor, Mr. McLaughlin, who had done so much to improve the standard of the "table" during the 1966 season.

The formal part of the evening being completed, everybody retired to the bars for further refreshment. It was unanimously agreed that the change to Plantation House had been a great success.

OUR UNIVERSITY MEMBERS

"About 89 boys, 75 per cent of the total who left Haberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree, last year, went on to Universities and places of further education for full-time study.

There is an all-time record at Cambridge where 63 ex-Haberdashers' Aske's pupils are undergraduates."

The above quotation was taken from a local paper reporting the proceedings at the Senior School Commendation Day on November 11th. We congratulate the Headmaster and his staff on such excellent results.

As an Association of Old Haberdashers we realise the importance of keeping in touch with school leavers who go direct to University and in this connection your President is in contact with two such students.

We would encourage you to contact Peter J. Collins at Corpus Christi College, Oxford and for those 63 of you at Cambridge Chris Drew at Kings College. These two gentlemen, we hope, will with your help re-form an Old Boys' Society which was once a regular feature of University life.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last issue of the Notes, No 149, the following gentlemen have been admitted to membership of the Association:

K.B.Archbold (1966)	83 Imperial Drive, North Harrow, Middx
R.Ball (1965)	49 Churchill Avenue, Kenton, Middx.
J.M.Banfield (1966)	45 Snarebrook Drive, Stanmore, Middx.
J.E.Bartlett (1965)	19 Pyecombe Corner, Woodside Park, N.12.
J.M.Berry (1956)	Northend, Mushroom Farm, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.
N.R.Cooper (1966)	133 Wades Hill, N.21.
N.C.G.Corbett (1965)	c/o 101 Cissbury Ring South, Woodside Park, N.12.
G.F.Daly (1964)	19 Leighton Close, Edgware, Middx.
D.M.Dymond (1966)	100 Bryanston Court George Street, W.1.
W.M.Grollman (1966)	21 Fortis Green Avenue, E. Finchley, N.2.
C.C.Hailey (1960)	22 Holly Park, Finchley, N.3.
R.A.Hillyard (1963)	41 Friern Park, Finchley, N.12.
M.R.A.Howell (1960)	21 Wentworth Road, Hertford, Herts.
D.M.Maislish (1966)	75 Eyre Court, St.Johns Wood, N.W.8.
G.B.Mayne (1966)	35 Granville Road, Barnet, Herts.
A.Meyer (1966)	1 Berlin, 33 (Grunewald) Hohenzollerndamm 123.
J.S.Payne (1965)	6 Park Avenue, New Barnet, Herts.
G.J.Rigg (1961)	193 Burton Road, Derby, Derbyshire.
K.G.Robinson (1966)	57 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, Herts.
L.M.Strachan (1965)	71 Sudbury Court Drive, Harrow, Middx.
R.J.Salmon (1960)	15 Lacey Road, Stockwood, Bristol 4.
G.E.F.Strange (1957)	102 Gorton Avenue, Kingsbury, N.W.9.
D.B.Webb (1965)	15 Highcroft, Kingsbury, N.W.9.
W.A.Wilkinson (1913)	22 Chestnut Drive, Earrow Weald, Middx.

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Club News

O.H. ATHLETIC CLUB

President: R.A. Phillips, Esq., *Captain:* Julian R. Irwin

Hon. Secretary: Roger M. Simons, 74 West Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middx. Tel BYR 8434

Last year the Club was handicapped by a lack of members, and although attempts were made to improve the situation the picture remains the same. This is reflected in the season's results.

In the Old Boys' (Athletic) League which consisted of 4 fixtures we were last as in the Old Boys' Relays at Harrow. A combined team of League members also lost to the London Athletic Club. On Old Boys' Day we were beaten by the School, and at the Inter Old Boys match at Merton we came equal 5th out of 7 teams. The only success of the season was against Shaftesbury Harriers. However, in all the matches we fielded a team, and it is fair to say that we were not on any occasion completely outclassed.

There have been half a dozen or so regular supporters who have all been magnificent in taking on several events an evening, but this of course, will not produce first class performances. The Club would very much like to see some new faces and to all members of the Association, and to those at the School a very warm welcome is extended. Do not think you have to be a dedicated athlete to take part. It is a fine way of keeping fit be it for rugby football, cricket, or it might even ensure you have the puff to catch the 8.05. Whatever your bent we should be very pleased to see you.

We will be competing in the Thames Hare and Hounds Old Boys' Cross Country Race on December 10th and next season we will be having a fixture list similar to the present one and we do hope for much better results.

J.R.I.

CANOE CLUB

The Club was formed early in September and it is hoped that it will be formally affiliated to the Association during the next few months. It is somewhat difficult to see in what form the Club will emerge as this will depend largely on those who decide to join but we hope to be able to cover every aspect of the sport.

There are Old Boys active in all branches including some top class Sprint and Long Distance paddlers and Slalomists. Old Boys are also interested in Surfing and White Water Racing but the majority are interested in touring and pottering about and it is for these people that the Club is really formed, the others are probably members of other clubs anyway.

By the time that this appears in print the Club will have made a weekend cruise on the Bedford Ouse in the middle of November — a little late in the year perhaps for some but we felt we should make a start despite the time of year. It is hoped to make several day and week-end trips after the winter and possibly a weeks cruise in the summer. During the winter, meetings will be held with discussions and slide and film shows, and generally to arrange the organisation of the Club and get it on its feet.

The Club is likely to have the use of the School Swimming Bath on Friday evenings for rolling and general instructional purposes. This will be particularly useful in the case of members who were not in the school club and need some elementary instruction and, of course, for members who want to learn to roll a boat. Other advantages of joining the club are that members will be able to borrow boats from those that have them and transport can usually be arranged with those with cars.

Anybody wanting to join the club will be most welcome and should write to John E. Freeman, 20 Woodberry Gardens, Finchley, N.12. HIL 3679, the Acting Hon. Sec. It is hoped that a lot of former members of the School Club will want to join but beginners will be welcome as well.

O.H. CRICKET CLUB

President: D.G.Kenward, Esq. *Hon. Treasurer:* W.R.Tanner, 11 Baronsmead Rd., S.W.13.

Hon. Sec: C.J.Robinson, 83 Norman Crescent, Pinner, Middx PIN 4016.

The Cricket Club had a relatively successful season. The results of the 1st XI were:—

WON 7 LOST 9 DRAWN 6 ABANDONED 3

The inclement weather at the beginning of the season hampered the efforts of the older generation, wise and experienced though they are, and we had to wait until Whitsun with its attendant sunshine, before we recorded our first win against London Hospital, traditionally strong opponents. Whit Monday gave an even better victory against Marlow, where excellent batting by Derek Kenward and an exciting partnership of 40 in only 25 minutes between Geoff. Wheal and Ian Smart saved the day.

Other victories were scored over Gothic, Sudbury Court the President's XI, Edgware and Old Fullarians. This last game was notable in that Barry Albone, Richard Saville, Jerry Bartlett and Colin Dane saw the Club to a total of over 200 to which the opposition replied with 37. Without doubt we could and should have won all the games we lost, no side was any better than ours but we tended to let the initiative slip away.

The School game again ended in a draw, but the spectators were provided with an interesting spectacle. The highlights of the match were Donald Lundie's first ever 50 for the Club and a good, undefeated 50 for the School by Peter Machie.

Of the batsmen, Jerry Bartlett from last year's School XI was most consistent, scoring 373 runs at an average of 20.7. We are sorry his appearances will now be limited as he has gone into the R.A.F. All the other leading batsmen had their moments of glory and it was good to see Derek Kenward, Donald Lundie, Doug. Gainsborough and John Lidington in the form of a few years ago.

The chief bowling honours went to John Ridgley, who took 42 wickets at a cost of only 10.02 runs each, a remarkable record. Well backed up by Geoff. Wheal, David Maconachie and Ian Smart, he was able to contain most sides.

The wicket-keeping, shared by John Lidington and Barry Albone, and the generally good ground fielding contributed much to the rise in standard of the Club's game.

Socially the Devon Tour was as superb as ever and in spite of the results (4 losses, 2 draws in 6 games) so was the cricket. Good performances by one member of the opposition lost us the games against Seaton, Budleigh Salterton and The Wessex Bridge. The game against Exeter University could have been won but for far too many missed catches while our strongest fixture against Sidmouth was well played and we were only robbed of victory because of rain.

The Second XI and Sunday XI both fell from grace a little and losses far outweighed victories, although individual feats were still attained. Peter Graham became the third member of the 2nd XI to score a century for the Club and Leigh Strachan took the cup for the fastest 50 scored in 32 minutes.

It is pleasant to record that 21 members of the School played for us this season, a record. We hope this trend will continue as recruits of the calibre and ability of Godfrey Haslehurst, Colin Dane, Peter Machie, and the others are needed to maintain and strengthen our fixture lists.

Whilst in relatively serious vein may we appeal to all our Honorary Members to support us actively during the season. We play attractive cricket against good opposition and are good company in the bar afterwards. Do come along — you will enjoy yourself and we shall benefit tremendously from your support.

No report of this kind would be complete without mention being made of those who do all the hard work and seem to get little thanks for it. To Barry Albone (now ex-Fixture Secretary) Harold Gainsborough our long-suffering umpire and Nobby Tanner, scorer, treasurer and statistician extraordinary — very many thanks for all that you do for the Club in your various ways.

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Old Haberdashers' R.F.C.



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Barnet Lane, N.20.

The record of the Club up to Saturday, 12th November is:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XV	9	4	1	4	75	68
'A' XV	8	2	1	5	24	58
Ex 'A' XV	8	5	1	2	68	54
'B' XV	7	1	1	5	47	128
Ex 'B' XV	5	1	—	4	25	70
'C' XV	3	—	—	3	12	31
Skylarks XV	1	—	—	1	5	11

Apart from the beginning of the season when the University members were available, it has not always been possible to field the six sides as arranged in the fixture card, therefore, on occasions the junior sides have found themselves over-matched. The number of players moving away from London or retiring from the game has been very high this season and has exceeded the number of new players joining the Club. From the 1st XV alone, Roger Easterbrook has retired and Tony Alexander and John Summerill have moved northwards. However we have been pleased to have Esmund Hitchcock, Howard Seymour and Martin Eades from last year's School XV playing for us regularly.

The record of the 1st XV makes far better reading than at this time last year. Again under John Hanson, they opened with an evening game and a win against Harpenden (3-0) in preparation for their short tour of Devon the following weekend. Although we lost both to Paignton (3-9) and Torquay Athletic (13-25), the latter game in particular was of a high and encouraging standard. We allowed Stroud to beat us at Boreham Wood by five points to nil, but then won the next three games against London Hospital (18-6), London University (6-3) and the Old Alleynians (20-6). It is many years since the Alleynians have been beaten so decisively. A weakened side lost to Woodford (0-3), and but for the loss of Peter Stevenson, playing his 378th game for the 1st XV, midway through the second half the side would have beaten St. Barts Hospital but had to be satisfied with a draw 11 points each. New faces in the side include Chris Menezies, who joined us from the Wasps last season, Mike Witheridge, John Ratcliffe and Warwick Beaman, our utility player now playing at full-back.

The 'A' XV under Duncan McLaren are suffering from mixed fortunes — they are a young side and individually are very good but they need to play as a team to win more matches. Dick Cook and Peter Shiells will be a great asset to the side in this respect.

Michael Bovington's ExA has had an excellent start to the season. They like to run with the ball and are helped in this by John Stagg in the centre still playing as well as ever. More points would come if they could get more of the ball from the tight — a hooker is badly needed.

The B, ExB and C XV's are suffering to some extent from the shortage of senior experienced players to back up Alan Cooper and Nobby Tanner, the top sides being unable to release them.

Philip Alterman was injured at Sevens and like John Parker, the vice-captain, has yet to turn out for the 1st XV. Nigel Lane, seriously injured last season, has worked his way through the junior sides up to the A XV regaining his confidence and fitness with every game he plays.

Frank A. Jackman, who was President of the Club in 1959-60 and is currently President of Hertfordshire County R.F.U. was awarded the O.B.E. in the Birthday Honours List.

The Old Boys' Seven-a-Side Tournament held on our ground on Sunday, 18th September was again a most successful competition both from the point of view of the football and the attendance. It is not often we see so many Trialists and County players on our ground. The Sunday Times Trophy was won by the holders, the Old Birkonians, who beat the Old Towcestrians in the final by 25-5.

To those of you who are at University, we hope you will play for the Club during the vacations and finally when you come down, and to those of you who now live away from London, if you are just visiting and want to get away from the family for the afternoon, we will always be pleased to see you at Boreham Wood. If any of you would like a game at any time, please do not hesitate to contact the Club Captain or Team Secretary, and always bring your kit if you come along to the ground on the off-chance.

1st XV Fixtures after Christmas:-

January	7	Old Novocastrians	Boreham Wood (a.m.)
	14	Old Millhillians	Boreham Wood
	21	Sutton	Sutton
	28	Plymouth Albion	Plymouth
February	4	U.C.S. Old Boys	Boreham Wood
	11	K.C.S. Old Boys	Wimbledon
	18	Oxford	Boreham Wood
	25	Old Dixonians	Boreham Wood (a.m.)
March	4	St. Thomas's Hospital	Boreham Wood
	11	Birmingham	Birmingham
	18	Notts	Boreham Wood (a.m.)
	24	Bridgwater and Albion	Bridgwater
	25	Wellington	Wellington
	27	Weston-super-Mare	Weston-super-Mare
April	1	Old Rutlishians	Boreham Wood
	8	Cambridge	Boreham Wood
	12	Old Whitgiftians	Boreham Wood (evening)

O.H. RUGBY FIVES CLUB

(Affiliated to the Rugby Fives Association)

President: J.R.Newman, Esq. *Captain:* J.R.Whittenbury

Hon. Treasurer: B.A.Stark, 35 St.Augustine's Drive, Broxbourne, Herts.

Hon. Secretary: S.J.Lines, 62 Dalkeith Grove, Stanmore, Middx. STO 5834

At the time of writing the last report the fixture list had been completed, but the Singles Competition was still in progress. The Final took place in May, when B.A.Stark defeated J.R.Whittenbury to become holder of the President's Salver for the third time. The match was umpired by B.R.Griffiths, President of the Rugby Fives Association, who was principal guest at the dinner which followed.

Regular practices continued throughout the summer, with the result that both teams probably started the season fitter than their opponents. A number of fixtures have already been completed, the first IV having won 7 and lost 4. A notable win was the victory over R.F.A. while the match against the Jesters Club was only narrowly lost. During the weekend in the Peak District, 4 matches were played of which we won three. In all, 24 matches have been arranged for the First IV, including fixtures against Oxford, Cambridge, London and Bristol Universities. The Etcetras IV have about 8 fixtures.

As last season the School is providing useful players for both teams. This is a great asset to the Club as some of the older members find it increasingly difficult to play for business and personal reasons. Once again we thank Dr. Taylor for continuing to extend to us the facilities of the School court.

S.J.L.

OLD HABERDASHERS' GOLFING SOCIETY

President: Sir Harold Parker, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C. *Captains:* George H. Albutt

Hon. Secretary: Michael Beaman, 159, Latymer Court, W.6. RIV.1697 and GER.0488

We have had another and successful season and have certainly been more fortunate with the weather this year. Although the match results have been a trifle disappointing the meetings have all been successful and the Guests Meeting at Hadley Wood was perhaps the best yet held. Hadley Wood was a new venue this year and by popular request we are returning again in 1967.

It has been a pleasure to see again a number of Haberdashers who have not been about for some time — Reg Windett appeared at Ashridge in October protesting that he had not touched a club for two years and then proceeded to burn up the course as though he had designed it himself. However, even he could not compete with the gross 73 returned by David Jackson who has played consistently well throughout the season. Jon Maplesden and John Foster also reappeared in October after a long absence and Jon Maplesden joined the Grafton Morrish side at Hunstanton before going abroad again.

It was unfortunate that we could not repeat the successes of 1965 at Hunstanton but we were again the strongest side numerically speaking! The team played excellent golf to dispose of Winchester in the first round but fell from grace in the afternoon in losing rather unexpectedly to Repton. After a long and somewhat alcoholic evening the side rather surprised itself the following morning by taking second place in the Plate competition for those knocked out in the first and second rounds. Once again the presence of so many supporters (including the Albutt family) did much to make our stay in Hunstanton enjoyable and the team are very grateful to those who caddied, pulled trolleys, or just offered advice.

Amongst the other highlights of the year I must not fail to mention the feat of our Captain, George Albutt, who easily won the competition for his own prize at the Summer Meeting at Hendon, generously standing aside to allow Basil Blowfield to take the prize itself. Nor will Sir Harold Parker forget his birdie at the long 13th at Ashridge, which, with the aid of his two handicap strokes, earned him five points and three golf balls! Finally David Jackson (like Alan Luke last year) won all three major competitions by handsome margins.

Next year we hope to be playing rather more matches than hitherto and I should be delighted to hear of any newly addicted Haberdashers who would like an evening game not too far from London. In particular we shall be playing a sixteen-a-side game against U.C.S. Old Boys which will be followed by a meal and drinks at Osterley. The Gowers have said that at least half their side on that occasion will be recruited from their Rugby Club and it is high time that this Society took in a few more rugger players. We, too, drink beer.....

RESULTS

Spring Meeting, Ashridge, 14th May, 1966

Ryman Cup	D. E. Jackson	35 pts.
Rugby Salver	S. Thompson	32 pts.
Skylark Tankard	G. J. Hersey	29 pts.
Foursomes	B. W. H. Shankland and J. Feltham	

Summer Meeting, Hendon, 13th July, 1966

Captains Prize	J. B. Blowfield	33 pts.
Runner-up	R. Innocenti	31 pts.
Nine-hole prize	W. Carey	18 pts.
	S. E. Phillips	18 pts.

Guests' Meeting, Hadley Wood, 8th September, 1966

Guests' Prize	J. Koch (Hendon)	32 pts.
Runner-up	D. N. White (Hadley Wood)	32 pts.
Members' Prize	M. Beaman (Moor Park)	31 pts.
Runner-up	J. A. Ransome (Northwood)	30 pts.
Foursomes	W. Miller (Northwood) and K. Batchelor (Highgate)	
Runners-up	G. Love (Northwood) and G. J. Hersey (Northwood)	

Autumn Meeting, Ashridge, 1st October, 1966

Presidents Cup	D. E. Jackson	41 pts.
Runner-up	J. Maplesden	37 pts.
Luke Aggregate Cup	D. E. Jackson	76 pts.
Foursomes	G. H. Albutt and G. J. Hersey	

MATCHES

V	U. C. S. Old Boys	Drawn
V	Old Elysians	Lost
V	Old Finchleyans	Drawn

GRAFTON MORRISH TROPHY

at Hunstanton, 7th October 1966

V	Winchester	Won 3 - 0
V	Repton	Lost 2½ - ½

Finally may I thank George Albutt for being such a hard-working and generous Captain. George is also standing down this year after three years Captaincy of the Grafton Morrish side and much of the Society's success has been due to his leadership and enthusiasm. We are glad to think that he will continue to win the odd golf ball or two in our more relaxed domestic competitions at Ashridge and Hendon! I must also thank Sir Harold for his keen interest and support throughout the season - he will be pleased to hear that your Secretary has already made a New Year resolution to organise in 1967 a more plentiful supply of caddies than could be obtained in 1966!

M.B.

O.H. RIFLE CLUB

President: Lt.Col. R.W.Hewson *Captain:* G.F.Peterken

Hon. Treasurer: P.M.A.Peterken, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

Hon. Secretary: P.L.Redstone, 13 Appledore Close, Edgware, Middx. EDG 5184

Shooting times: Tuesday evenings 7-10 p.m. School Range during winter and on specified occasions during the summer - details from the Secretary.

In the frequent ups and downs of school shooting there come years of unprecedented success and competition for places in the team which generate the feeling that the team should not disperse, never to shoot together again, but be maintained as a unit. Out of this feeling, in 1956 the Old Haberdashers' Rifle Club was born, captained in its early years by Alan Morris. At that time the school was situated in the County of London, but the O.H.R.C. was from the start a Middlesex club, shooting first on the T.A. range in Honeypot Lane and later at Kodak R.C. Harrow. Then in 1961 the School moved to new premises in Hertfordshire where in 1965, a miniature range was built. . . O.H.R.C. then ended its happy association with Kodak and moved on to the School Range. Now for the first time School and Old Boys' teams will both be competing in Hertfordshire events.

Old Boys' Rifle Clubs are particularly difficult to keep going. The membership is restricted, many school riflemen lose interest on leaving school and others move on to University or find jobs elsewhere. For the very keen rifleman Old Boys' Clubs do not offer sufficient opportunities for direct competition with the nation's best. To the ex-pupil who is less keen on shooting but who desires to maintain his school friendships, the small membership covers a wide span of school years but rarely contains more than a handful of near contemporaries and he is inclined to maintain contact in other ways.

The O.H.R.C. has enjoyed a fair measure of success. The teams have attained first place in the Middlesex small-bore league three times and creditable positions were gained on other occasions. In 1966 the full-bore team won both the Hertfordshire Astor and Schools Past and Present events. Individually, B.P.Fitzgerald has three times been in the Queen's Hundred at Bisley, once finishing as high as 9th, and has also represented Great Britain. R.Winney, a "country member" for Kenya, came 14th in the small-bore event at the 1966 Commonwealth Games in Jamaica. At a less exalted level, other members have won events at the open meeting of counties, other clubs and at small-bore Bisley. Many members have been concurrently officers of other clubs. B.P.Fitzgerald and G.F.Peterken have both captained successful London University teams.

The O.H.R.C. enters the Hertfordshire rifle associations with a keen and competent membership, a recent run of success, a range which it shares only with the School and a healthy bank balance. There certainly seems no reason why the Club should not continue to provide congenial shooting and constitute a challenge to other rifle clubs in Hertfordshire for many years to come.

G.F.P.



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